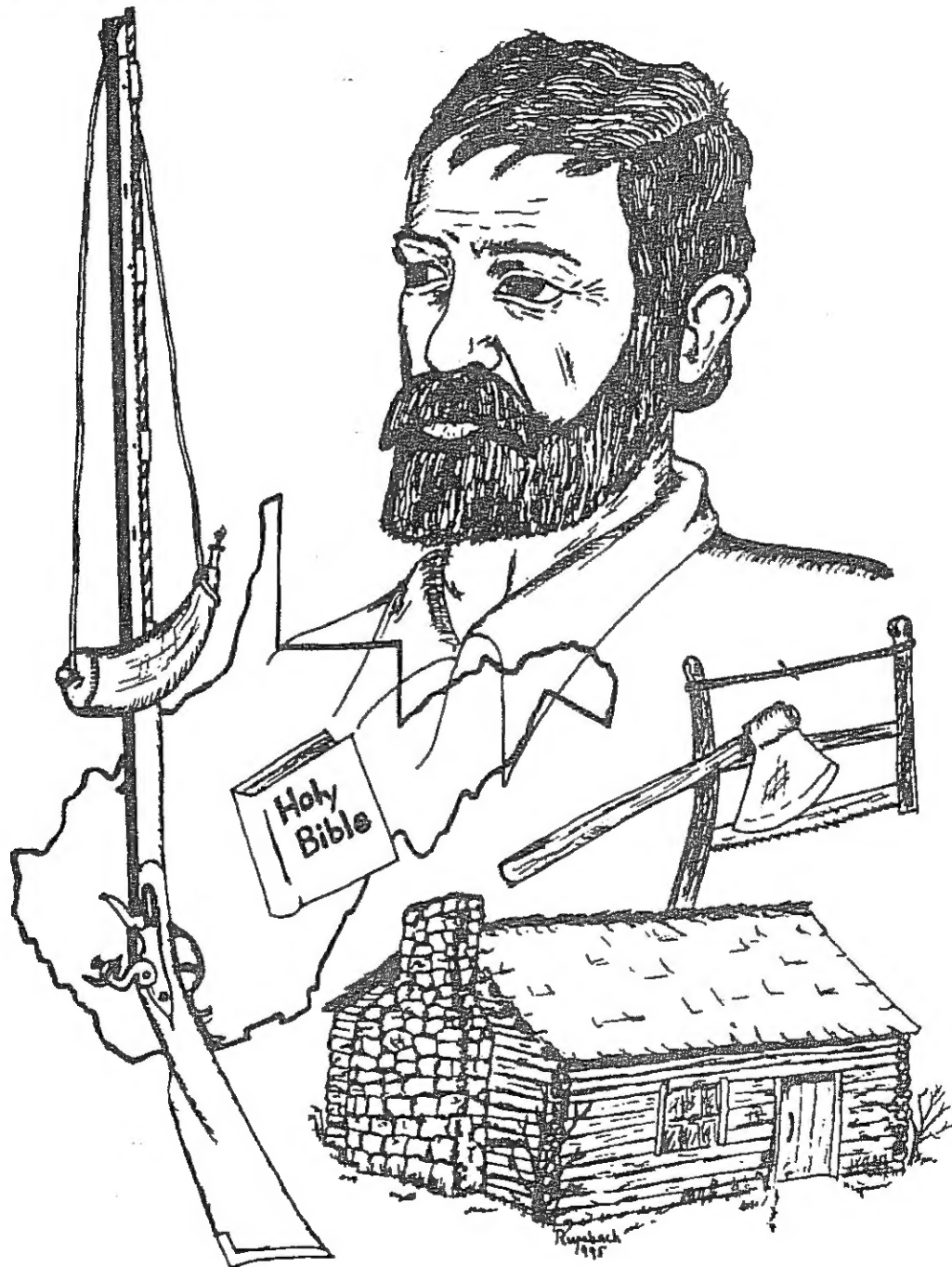


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# jots from joy

*Dear Cousins and Friends:*

"Remembering the Future" was the theme when about 275 persons from twenty states gathered at Jackson's Mill and the Central West Virginia Genealogy and History Library on a recent August weekend (August 14-17) for the fifteenth anniversary celebration of the Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants. Meetings were held in various buildings at the Mill, in a large tent on the library grounds, and in the library. The weatherman cooperated by supplying sunny weather throughout the four-day event - except for one afternoon when a downpour forced everyone to abandon the tent for the safety of the already-crowded library.

Highlights of the gathering included: seminars on document preservation, internet use, and genealogy trouble-shooting; tours of historic sites along Hacker's Creek in Lewis and Upshur counties and the middle West Fork River Valley in Harrison County; the annual business meeting on Saturday morning; and three special evening programs. Special events were also held for the youth of the organization.

On Thursday evening after a covered dish picnic in the shelter at the Mill, everyone moved to the West Virginia Building. This historic structure is a replica of West Virginia's exhibit at the Chicago World's Fair in 1932. Murals of important events in the state's history look down upon the audience from the vaulted ceilings.

Weston's Cary Williams, HCPD vice president and Gathering Chairperson, called the gathering to order with a salute to the flag, a welcome message, and the introduction of officers, before he turned the podium over to Jane Crider, Gathering Program Chairperson. After an unscheduled interruption by Mary Sleeth Creamer and Bonnie and Raymond Ware to present \$2000 for the exclusive use of building a new library facility for HCPD, Crider introduced HCPD president Charles "Chuck" Gilchrist. As it happened, this was the only time that C. Gilchrist was able to participate in the program this year; he was hospitalized for complications of his chemo treatment before noon the next day and remained in hospital for a week.

C. Gilchrist introduced Hannah Bennett Hacker who lived on Hacker's Creek for most of the nineteenth century, as portrayed in a first person interpretation by J. Gilchrist.

Hannah Hacker was the daughter-in-law of Lewis County's first settler, John Hacker, the aunt of Jonathan Manley Bennett, the First Auditor of the State of Virginia during the Civil War, and J. Gilchrist's third great-grandmother.

During the War, Hannah, her husband William, and children espoused the Southern cause and were "gone to Dixie" according to extant letters in the HCPD archives.

Hannah told the story of Jackson's Mill and Lewis County's most famous citizen, "Stonewall" Jackson.

Gilchrist's period clothing were a replica of clothing worn by another of her third great-grandmothers, Margaret (Roby) Straley (second wife of George Straley), during the War. Gilchrist made the clothing from a tin-type of Straley that has passed down through her family.

Guitarist and singer Denton King, Ireland, WV, concluded the evening's program with a repertoire of heritage music that included several songs he had written. He encouraged the audience to participate in a sing-along. As always, whenever West Virginians and almost-West Virginians get together, "Country Roads" and "West Virginia Hills" were special hits of the evening.

At 9:00 a.m. on Friday, the first bus tour departed with fifteen "children" from seven to seventy boarding a rented school bus for a "buffalo hunt" and guided tour of Watters Smith State Park. Under the direction of Dena Gilchrist Crider and Vikki Mitchell, the children searched for arrowheads in a field that had been "salted" for the occasion. They made jewelry with their finds.

Meanwhile, two workshops were held for adults in the Mountain State Building at Jackson's Mill; and, Rollie Neal, Lost Creek, led two Internet workshops in the director's office at the library. Barbara Weiford, Belpre, OH, shared several ideas for preserving family treasures for future generations in a forty-five minute session at 10 a.m. Weiford is skilled in the needle-arts and several of her ideas featured needlework.

A panel discussion, Genealogy Troubleshooting, met from 11:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. and addressed numerous genealogy problems. Panelists were: Doris Poinsett, Bethesda, Maryland; Hartzel Strader, Miamisburg, Ohio, author of four books of Lewis County court records and two family genealogies and an officer in the Montgomery County, Ohio, Genealogy Society and the HCPD; Nancy Jackson, HCPD board member and co-author of the Colonel Edward Jackson family history, of Clarksburg; Linda Meyers, HCPD Journal layout editor and co-author of the Colonel Edward Jackson family history; Suzanne Currane, president of Prince William County, VA, Genealogy Society; and, Joan Peters, Fauquier County, Virginia, archivist. Joy Gilchrist was the moderator.

At noon-time there was a bit of flurry and excitement when our president became ill from his chemo treatments of the previous week and he went to hospital. He passed the gavel over to the vice president, Cary Williams, who admirably carried out the responsibilities of the office for the rest of the weekend.

Friday afternoon was hot and muggy; but the lowered bus windows kept the passengers fairly comfortable on the Historic Hacker's Creek tour. About thirty persons heard the tales of the pioneers as they visited the sites where they happened. J. Gilchrist was tour guide.

Somehow the shower that fell on the library that afternoon and caused everyone under the tent to seek shelter in the building missed the tourists. However, the shower was of sufficient duration and left behind enough clouds that it was decided that the memorial service (after supper) would be moved indoors.

Kenneth and Annarose (Sleeth) Bowers of Baltimore, Maryland chaired the Memorial Service, which was held in the West Virginia Building at 6:30 p.m. Twelve deceased members and family members were honored. The pledge to the flag was led by K. Bowers; readings were by A. Bowers and eight-year-old Laura Bowers. Ralph and Twyla ( McCue)Hinzman, Dover, Delaware, sang a duet and Joyce Chambers, South Bend, Indiana, provided the piano music.

For several days before the gathering, it seemed as though the skit planned for Friday evening would not take place. Several persons who were supposed to take part had reasons develop that kept them from coming to the gathering. At the last minute, volunteers stepped forward and took their parts. Special thanks goes to Ben Poinsett, Bethesda, Maryland, who stepped forward about three hours before the performance and said that he would be the teacher. Thanks a whole bunch, Ben. We are happy to have you as a member of our "official performance troupe," the Hacker Wackers.

The skit, "School Days," was written by our editor, Raydine Teicheira in 1987 for the celebration of our fifth anniversary. It portrays the last day of school in a one-room school near Jane Lew in the 1870s. Others who participated in the skit were: Jim Mitchell, Jr., Huntington; Chambers; Pam Riddell, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; Raymond Ware, Newell, Alabama; Maurice Allman, Philippi; and, Patty Crouch Swisher, Harrisonburg, Virginia. The evening ended with a sing-along and birthday cake baked and donated by member Melvin Tolley of Ashtabula, Ohio.

Saturday morning's business meeting resulted in the appointment of Lawrence Cottrill of Weston to complete the uncompleted term of Richard Taylor who resigned as an at-large delegate in May and the election of Rollie Neal, Lost Creek, WV, to a two-year term as an at-large delegate to succeed himself. The remainder of the meeting included reports on various activities of the organization during the past year and approval of the budget of \$113,000 plus for the 1997-98 year. Those who are interested in the business of the organization are invited to read the minutes, which appear elsewhere in this Journal.

Saturday afternoon's schedule was overflowing. Participants could trek the middle West Fork River valley where the Lowthers, Washburns, Chevronts, Runyons, Cains and others were the pioneering families; they could attend the West Virginia Humanities Council sponsored talk by Dr. James Robertson, author of "Stonewall Jackson, the Man, the Soldier, the Legend"; they could attend a seminar on document preservation taught by Fredrick Armstrong, Director of the West Virginia State Library; or they could stay at the library and research.

Terry Washburns, Good Hope, WV, a descendant of Charles Washburns, Sr., who was killed by Indians and was the founding father of the family in these parts, was the primary guide on the West Fork River tour. Participants visited the homestead site and burial place of Col. William Lowther, the Cain Cemetery, the Richard's Fort or Lowthers Fort site, the supposed burial site of Arnold and Paul Richards that is now a memorial park in West Milford, and several other sites.

About twenty HCPDers joined four hundred other persons to pack the West Virginia Building to hear Dr. Robertson's talk about his hero and Lewis County's most famous citizen, "Stonewall" Jackson. A similar number joined Armstrong for the preservation workshop in the Mountain State Building.



According to reports the presenters of both sessions had enthralled audiences who would have been willing to listen and learn for several hours.

While everyone else was soaking up the history of Central West Virginia in one form or another, the Banquet Committee was putting the finishing touches on the evening's scheduled activities.

Marion (Reed) Reed, Ft. Pierce, Florida, and Charlotte Fleming, Tucson, Arizona, organized, decorated, and presided at the punch bowl for the reception honoring Life Members, Charter Members, and Volunteers which was held in the West Virginia Room of the Stonewall Jackson Lodge at 5:30 p. m. The Dunkard Valley Pickers, a heritage band from Marion County, provided music. Everyone especially enjoyed the unique sounds of the hammered dulcimer played by Ona Tennant and several members were seen "swinging partners" and flat-foot dancing.

Seventeen-year-old Aaron Mitchell, Huntington, son of James and Vikki Mitchell and a fifth generation descendant of the Reverend John Mitchell, presided as master of ceremonies over the banquet in the Mount Vernon Dining Hall. He was assisted by his mother, Vikki Mitchell, and by banquet chairperson, Jane Crider. Because of the number of awards given during the evening and the most entertaining tales of West Virginia Liar Paul Lepp, the evening did get rather long.

The tables were decorated with lace, ivy, daisies, vanilla candles in punch cups, and photographs in vintage frames of HCPD activities since 1982. The photographs were later given as door prizes. Chambers, Fleming, V. Mitchell, Bertha Allman, Ellie Maroon, and Rebecca Gamble all assisted Crider with the decorating.

Grace was offered by Hank Dawson, Parkersburg, a descendant of John Hacker and the Reverend Joseph Chevront. The program followed the meal of roast beef and chicken.

A. Mitchell explained that he was a bit nervous since this was the "first time" he had "ever done anything like this." After several introductions he turned the microphone over to Crider who made several remarks. Generally, there is no written script for this portion of a program - but this time there was. Because we think her remarks were appropriate not only for the banquet but also for the Journal, you will find them immediately after this article.

The children assisted Crider in recognizing those persons who volunteer their time to keep the library open, access collections, do typing, and thousands of other tasks by handing out certificates and a KISS to each volunteer. (The kisses were glass replicas of candy kisses which was manufactured in Ellenboro, WV). Then V. Mitchell and Crider presented several "fun" awards before returning the podium to A. Mitchell. (See the accompanying story, "The Lighter Side.")

A. Mitchell introduced J. Gilchrist, HCPD's co-founder and executive director, to make the presentation of two annual HCPD awards. The Pioneer Award, a glass globe suspended from an oak arc, symbolizing the world-wide outreach of West Virginia genealogy work, was given to Hartzel Strader for his compilations of Lewis County birth and death records. The John Hacker Citizenship Award, presented for outstanding service to HCPD, was awarded to Raymond Wolfe, Jr. Wolfe is a charter member and one of only five people to have perfect attendance at HCPD gatherings. He has recorded every gathering

and numerous other HCPD events in photographs and newspapers clippings. He recently donated a complete set of these to the library. (The other four with perfect attendance are C. and J. Gilchrist.)

Following the tall tales told by the winner of the West Virginia Liars Contest, Paul Lepp, Bill Hayes made a few closing remarks and offered the benediction.

On Sunday morning, twenty-seven persons wound their way west along Route 33 to Doyle Chapel United Methodist Church for the annual HCPD worship service planned this year by Joyce Chambers. Rural churches in West Virginia have preaching only a couple of Sundays a month; this day happened to be a "non-preaching Sunday" at Doyle Chapel and the congregation had invited us to be a part of their service - in fact, they invited us to present the service for them and for ourselves. We truly appreciated this offer since this church was originally founded by families that had crossed the county from the Hacker's Creek settlement and were among the first to put down roots on Leading Creek.

The service was opened with a musical call to worship by Chambers and a prayer and an invitation to the altar by Gary Wyant, the congregation's Sunday School superintendent. He then turned the service over to J. Gilchrist who shared a brief history of the church and HCPD with the congregation and invited everyone to join in the order of worship. HCPDers participating in the service that included responsive readings and prayers were B. Hayes, A. Bowers, and Bernadette (Hines) Law. Congregational singing included the hymns: "America the Beautiful," "Mansion over the Hilltop," and "Old-Time Religion"; and the Hinzmans sang a duet of "His Name is Wonderful" and "My Jesus, I Love Thee."

Larry Smith, Lost Creek, descendant of the Rev. David Smith who was a Central West Virginia pioneer and early Methodist minister, brought the morning's message which he called "Family." He stressed the importance of being a part of a "family," particularly God's family. He concluded his moving service with several songs that he had written and accompanied himself with a guitar.

The service and the Fifteenth Annual HCPD Gathering closed in what has become a traditional closing for HCPD annual gatherings: the congregation joined hands and sang acapella "God Be with You Till We Meet Again."

## **The Lighter Side**

by Joy Gilchrist

Rather than give awards for the most children, furthest traveled, etc., the Gathering Committee, with hopes of instilling some humor in the activities, decided to recognize special achievements and circumstances of the members in attendance. A couple of these were especially fun and have resulted in further correspondence between the recipient and our executive director. Some were the direct result of donations to our building fund. You will hear more about our building fund elsewhere in this Journal and in future issues.

During lunch on Friday, Paul Pettit was given a Cemetery Pass. He had been in Ohio (landed in Columbus after flying from his home in California) and was doin' the cemetery thing when he decided that he might as well pitch his tent and spend the night in one of them. After all, twas cheaper than a motel

and he thought he just might be able to commune with his ancestors. <grin> But, the people who lived near the cemetery asked him to leave. This happened to him not once, but twice. So he headed to West Virginia and pitched his tent in our library's backyard at 1 o'clock in the morning. Nobody kicked him out of there. {Paul is a California State Park Ranger and sleeping in a tent is part of his every day lifestyle.)

I posted the preceding paragraphs story on HCPD-L, our discussion group on the internet. In response, from Paul, I received the following:

Joy,

I don't have the pass any more. After I left the gathering on Monday, I camped next to a cliff below a cemetery on the Ohio River that night.....

In the morning I went to a courthouse and library. I returned to the cemetery in the afternoon and was going to go to Parkersburg to the Courthouse there. But something bothered me about the tombstone I told you about. It was really old and the inscription could no longer be read..... So returned to look at it again, plus when I went there the week before, it was too late to take pictures.

At any rate, I felt the stone was too small to contain all the inscription it was supposed to have held.....I found the author of the cemetery book and she told me she tried to document the stones in systematic manner... but she remembered that cemetery and it was so overgrown she couldn't remember how she did it.....

So, about 2:00 pm, I park this car on a little spur that is so swampy I thought I would get stuck. I changed my courthouse duds to "overgrown cemetery" grubs, ... and only one house was in sight... I guess this is all it took. The woman of the house called her husband.....

In the meantime, I am up on this bluff with only one trail coming in and I am photographing this whole thing and then I get the video camera out and I'm videoing this cemetery and narrating why I assume that this one broken unreadable stone must be my 5th great grandmother's stone when I turn here's this hauswife's husband... the owner of the property!!

Can I help you, I said,..... No he replied, Can I help you, your on my property! So I told him I was a "trained genealogist" and that I had tracked the ownership of the property, through plat maps, and Assessor records as well as deeds back to the 1830's. I told him the assessor information said he lived on the main street of the nearby town and I went there but no such address existed. He said he didn't live on that road but on the main Highway on the way out of town which is where I parked.

I then told him I had a cemetery pass, so he asked to see it. We went to the car and I found it. It was kind of wrinkled. I almost used it at the Patton Cemetery on Sunday, but luckily it wasn't necessary, but in the down pour, the lettering sort of ran.....



At any rate, he looked at the pass and said , Oh, HCPD, huh ... I heard about them, and he stood there and thought for while, then he said who's this Gilchrist woman... I told him she's from good West Virginia stock, like most of us... He said which stock,.... I said Well, You know Good West Virginia Stock.. you name it you got it... but I still don't understand how she's related to the Switzers!.

He asked, is she good for her word, I said ...you bet, If she wasn't, I wouldn't have come from California to camped in her back yard.... He said How much is this voucher worth... I told him at least \$250.00...

He said if she's good for her word and she's a West Virginian that's good enough for him - just let her know, what she owes me.... He gave me the certificate and told me I would probably need more in Ohio where they don't take your word... I told him thanks... He then said by the way there's tombstones all over this knob, just not on the "Californie" side of the trail where you've been lookin, I said thanks, he left....whistling, "Country Roads"

I then looked at the last stone on the cemetery list, and walked to the WV side of the trail away from the California side to the first big hump of ground cover..... Spread the plants,..... saw a stone, brushed it off.....

It said, Catharine Swisher, wife of Jacob Swisher..... my fifth great grandmother.....

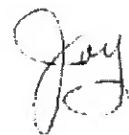
You should be getting a bill shortly, Joy..... Since, he gave it back to me, do I get a rebate or should I mail it back to you, it valid for another use, is there and expiration date???

Thanks for a great time at the gathering.....

Ranger Paul

Gullible person that I am, I'm not sure whether I should believe him about the \$250 or not. Guess I'll just have to wait and see if I get a bill.

Perhaps the most interesting of these was an award given to Bill Hayes "just because we appreciated him taking time out of his busy schedule to be with us this year." For those who don't know, Bill, a descendant of the Reverend John Mitchell, is known world-wide as the artist who holds the gold record recording of "The Ballad of Davy Crockett" and as the Emmy-Award winning actor who played/plays Doug Williams on "Days of Our Lives." What was the award? We sang "Davy Crockett" to him. He thought it was great and so did we!





Charter Members and Our Birthday Cake

## RUTH J. POST



Weston:

Ruth Josephine McCray Post, 84, of 2 Hill St., Buckhannon, formerly of Roanoke, died Wednesday, Sept. 3, in Nelson's Board and Care Home, Buckhannon, following an extended illness.

She was born Sept. 9, 1912, in Roanoke, a daughter of the late John G. McCray and Mary McCord McCray.

On July 18, 1936, she married to George Charles Post, who survives.

Also surviving are one brother, Paul J. McCray, Akron, Ohio, and several nieces and nephews. She was also preceded in death by one brother, George H. McCray and one sister, Anna Pearl McCray Brown.

Mrs. Post taught school in Lewis County. She graduated magna cum laude from Glenville State College and worked toward a master's degree at West Virginia University.

She was a linear descendant of two pioneer families in Roanoke, those of Robert McCray and Abraham Rohrbough.

Mrs. Post was a member of the former Roanoke United Methodist Church and a life member of the Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants, genealogical and historical society.

*Ruth was interred at Mitchell Cemetery at Roanoke.*

## We're Bursting At The Seams.....

### HCPD SEEKS NEW SITE

by Mary Sleeth Creamer  
Chairman, Building Fund Drive



HCPD is growing more rapidly than anyone ever imagined! We have outgrown our space 2 times before- and now we have done it again!

So- on Friday night at Gathering this year, two very nice donations resulted in kicking off our Building Fund Drive! And- by Sunday afternoon, we had received \$6000.25 in donations to this Fund! I was fortunate (?) enough to be asked to chair this drive. Now I am seeking from each of you not only money, but input.

My challenge is this: we have almost 1,000 HCPD members as of this writing. If each of us would donate \$100 over the next year (before the 1998 Gathering), we would have our goal- \$100,000. Folks, this comes to \$9.09 per month, or \$25 per quarter- or however you can afford it. I think all of you will agree that the work done by HCPD has been invaluable to you.

In addition to money, we want to know what you would like this facility to be. Several suggestions have already been made and I will mention them here to get your thought processes moving:

- 1) At least 2 research rooms- each more than twice the size of the existing rooms.
- 2) A central library room apart from the research rooms to facilitate finding material and to create better space in the research rooms.
- 3) A couple of rooms big enough to hold small seminars, board meetings, committee meetings, etc- which could also be overflow research rooms when needed.
- 4) A larger "John Sleeth's Trading Post" area
- 5) A central location for the searchable computers
- 6) A better facility for our microfilm and microfiche readers
- 7) A children's room
- 8) A large meeting room or auditorium (which could also be rented out to other groups)
- 9) More restroom facilities
- 10) More adequate parking
- 11) Handicapped accessibility

PLEASE give this some thought and direct comments, questions, and contributions to Mary S Creamer, 529 Madison Avenue, Morgantown, WV 26505 or Email:GodivaM@aol.com.

Some of you may have questions about the need to acquire a new location. I

have included here a further explanation and the background to this current drive.

When HCPD moved into the Colored School in Weston in April of 1992, it was thought we had found our home. However, within 4 years the space was totally inadequate and we found our current home on Jackson's Mill Road. Then we thought we were set-plenty of room, minimal payments to the County Commission (they own the property), proximity to Jackson's Mill- who could have asked for more?

But- now we have to consider creating our own space- for a variety of reasons. Those of you have attended recent Gathering know how cramped space is today. Even the 15 people who attended the spring lock-in found very little room left after we got in there and started working. Aside from square footage, we have had another monkey wrench thrown into the operation. Many of you may remember that HCPD was told that we could purchase the existing property. Well- as it turns out, this is only partially true. We CAN- but- the County Commission is required by law to sell its property at public auction on the Courthouse square- and there is absolutely no guarantee as to what the price would turn out to be or whether we could/would become the highest bidder. Couple that with the fact that we would still need to add on about twice as much space as we currently have, and the fact that the property is less than 3/4 acre and you can see that we have a problem. The adjacent property, which we use for surplus parking during some events, is owned by the state and not available at all.

So- we need to find a spot that can become the permanent location of HCPD- one with room for expansion. Whether this is bare acreage or property with an existing structure has yet to be determined. We are looking at every option we can think of and would appreciate hearing what you would like us to do.



250<sup>th</sup> Reunion  
of the Harlan Family in WV  
Memorial Weekend, May 1998  
Berkeley Co., WV

For Information write to: Harlan Homecoming,  
PO Box 9198, Richmond, VA 23227-0198

### HACKER'S CREEK PIONEER DESCENDANTS BUDGET 1997-98

<b>Income</b>			<b>Outflow</b>	
<b>Donations</b>				
Cemeteries			<b>Grants &amp; Programs</b>	
General	1200		Voices of the Mtns	500
Library Bldg	4100		Internet Connections	360
Computer	200		Cemetery Maintenance	600
Copy	600		Museum Display	75
Library Acquisitions	3556		Library Acquisitions	5079
Grants	100			
	30500		<b>Salaries</b>	25,750
<b>Program Revenue</b>			Raises	4,478
Gathering			New employee	11,728
Workshop	5750			
	900		<b>Rent</b>	1000
<b>Dues</b>			<b>Utilities</b>	
	26375		Gas	875
<b>Investment Income</b>			Electric	1875
American Barrick			Water	153
Lord Abbett	10		Phone + dedicated line	3000
	3896		Trash	170
<b>Special Events</b>			Pest Control	275
Jubilee			Mowing/Snow	220
Storytelling	6000			
Octoberfest	500		<b>Printing Journals</b>	8200
	200		Postage	3685
<b>Sales of Pubs, Etc.</b>				
	26924		<b>Other Expenses</b>	
Shipping/Handling			Service Fees	660
Miscellaneous	1600		Copier Maintenance	5234
	1200		Office Supplies	1300
			Sales Pubs - Exp	15
	113611		Other Supplies	275
			Computer Maintenance	500
<b>Please note that the grants indicated as</b>			Computer Payment	1464
<b>income have already been approved</b>			License	25
<b>and funding will be received during our next</b>			Reader-printer lease	2875
<b>fiscal year.</b>			Misc. Program Expense	295
			Membership in other org.	285
			Conference attendance	100
			Copier Lease	1116
			<b>Seminar Expense</b>	3500
			<b>Misc. Expense</b>	500
			<b>Special Event Exp</b>	4144
			<b>Printing</b>	
			Brochures (grant)	17000
			Miscellaneous	300
			Cost of books to sell	4000
			New Equipment	2000
			<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>113611</b>



## EARLY RECOLLECTIONS OF THE TOWN OF WESTON

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An Old Citizen Relates an Interesting  
Story of the Town and Recalls Many  
Incidents and Events  
of By Gone Happy Days

Weston Democrat, Saturday, March 12, 1892

### TIME CHANGES ALL THINGS

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Written for The Democrat.

While upon the subject of the industries of the town, we will mention the house carpenters and joiners, consisting of the following named gentlemen: **Thomas S. Morris, John R. Beall, Henderson Beall, Joseph Minter** and **William Beard**. **Thos. S. Morris** was considered one of the best mechanics in his line there was in the town. I never knew him to fail to come to time in any job of work that he undertook to do. He was not only prompt in his work, but was equally prompt in his word. He was one of the strictest men in all his intercourse with his fellow men I think I ever knew. By his industry, perseverance and economy he acquired a nice little home for himself and family.

**Joseph Minter** was a very large man, was a good workman. He combined the butchering with his other business. I do not mean to say that he run a regular butcher shop, as there was nothing of that kind here at the time, but when any of the citizens wanted butchering done he was the man selected to do it and he was a very skilled hand at the business. He was a moral, upright and honorable man -- a good citizen.

**William Beard** was very much of a genius. He was a young man and single, could fashion almost any piece of mechanism to his liking, was a fine ornamental painter and a fine musician, as well as a fine carpenter. He left Weston in the fall of 1844 for the West. **John R. and Henderson Beall** were partners. They were large, robust and very stout men; were born and raised on the Little Kanawha river in what is now Gilmer county, and were great lumber men as well as good carpenters. John was a married man, Henderson was single at the time.

**Capt. George W. Jackson**, who had formerly been a citizen of the State of Ohio was a man of powerful build, although he had passed the meridian of life. There were but few, if any of the younger men of that day who were his equal in point of physical powers. He was a soldier in the war of 1812 and fought under the command of **Gen. W. H. Harrison**, afterwards President of the United States for one month, death having removed him at the expiration of that time. **Capt. Jackson** was a contractor and builder of considerable note; was a very influential citizen, raised a family of sons and daughters of whom I will have much to say in the progress of these sketches.

I will now notice the young and sprightly wagon maker, **W. W. Warder**, who was born and raised in Taylor county, near Pruntytown and located in Weston in the early spring of 1844 to prosecute his business of making and repairing wagons. **Mr. Warder** was a tall, rather slender young man of some twenty-two years of age, rather good looking with very black hair and eyes. In point of education he was somewhat in advance of the large majority of the young men of that day, having had the advantage of attending Rector College at Pruntytown near his home, which was conducted and presided over by the

**Rev. Dr. Wheeler**, who ranked as one of the best educators of his day. **Mr. Warder** was a very temperate young man; was a clever genial, social and pleasant companion; was a good workman and was very liberally patronized.

**David Bare, John Flesher** and **James Ferguson** were tailors. **Mr. Bare** carried on business in one of the rooms in the old frame that stood where the Bailey House now stands. He and **Mr. Ferguson** carried on the business together. **Mr. Bare** was a married man. **Mr. F.** was single at that day. The tailoring was a very profitable business as the sewing machine had not yet been invented. Therefore there was no ready made clothing on the market. The majority of the suits were composed of home made jeans, as but few of the men could afford to wear broadcloth or cashmere, except when they were going to get married. A young man would practice very strict and rigid economy in order to save money to purchase his wedding suit. The best article of broadcloth cost from ten to twelve dollars per yard, the pants and vest in proportion. It was a great treat to the tailors when there was going to be a wedding. You could very readily observe a smile on their countenances when they would hear of a wedding going to take place and when we consider the advantage it gave them to show off their workmanship, both the cut and fit of the garment, as well as the neat and artistic sewing, we cannot blame the tailors. **Mr. Bare** was considered the boss crook of the lot and he did make some superb fits. In fact he seldom failed in giving his customers satisfaction, and was consequently very popular as a tailor. In size he was a small man, a very genial, affable and courteous gentleman.

**Mr. Flesher** combined farming with his tailoring, he owning the land where **W. S. Wooddell** now lives. He

was also a trader to some extent, taken altogether he was a very useful citizen and a very clever man.

**Mr. James Ferguson** was a young and single man; was a regular sportsman, fond of all kinds of fun; was very dressy, neat and tidy in his dress and was a great lady's man; was a good and neat workman and very popular with his associates.

Next comes the boot and shoe makers, composed of **Allen Simpson** and **Geo. W. Sleath**, and I have no hesitancy in saying that it was one of the best trades of that time as the merchants brought on but very little ready made boots and shoes at that day. What little they did bring was ladies' fine wear. **Mr. Simpson** was considered the best workman in all this section of country and in consequence of his good workmanship, fair and honest dealings with his customers, he was kept busy all the time and not unfrequently had to hire help from abroad as he would not have a man to work for him without he was thoroughly competent to do good work. He was a very industrious, frugal and conscientious man, having early learned one of **Dr. B. Franklin's** maxims to take care of the pennies and the dollars will take care of themselves. The result was that he accumulated a handsome competency and provided well for his two daughters, all the children he raised.

**Mr. Sleath** carried on business in the old brick that stood where **W.G. Bennett's** fine and imposing dwelling now stands. He was a man in poor health, inclined to be consumpted, he was a very quiet and peaceable man; a good substantial workman and made the author of these sketches the first pair of hip boots he ever had, and I well remember that they wore longer and kept their shape better than any pair of boots he has had since. That of itself may incline him to be somewhat partial to words. **Mr.**

**Sleath** was an honest man and therefore a good citizen.

Now I come to the tanners. There was but one tannery in the town at that time and that is just one more than there is today. That was owned and conducted by **Mr. John Lorentz**. It was located near the Town run bridge, as the boot and shoe makers had to furnish the county with boots and shoes and the saddlers and harness makers with saddles and harness, the tanners had to furnish them all with the leather, so you may very readily infer that the tanning trade was a first-class business in the way of money making. All a tanner wanted was from eight hundred to one thousand dollars with which to make a start. Then with good management, industry and good health his future was assured. **Mr. Lorentz** did not work himself; he managed the business and his son **Jacob** and a young man by the name of **Emit Norman** did the work and I will say that two more industrious, steady boys could not be found in the county. They were about eighteen years of age and were always to be found at their post. They were kind and accommodating and had a host of friends. Notwithstanding, they were boys, **Mr. John Lorentz** was one among the most prominent and leading citizens of the town. He was a commissioner in chancery at that time and was a leader of his party in politics. He was an ardent Whig and was one of the greatest admirers of **Henry Clay** there was in the town and was so sure that he would be elected that he sold the lot on which **Mrs. W. E. Arnold** now resides to a man by the name of **R. W. Douglass** for three hundred dollars, provided Clay was elected President of the United States and if Polk was elected he was to

receive nothing. The writer witnessed the contract by signing his name to it and as everyone knows that read history Polk was elected and **Mr. Lorentz** lost the valuable lot.

I am sorry that I cannot enumerate in the list of industries that of silversmith, carriage maker, hatters, baker and printers, but the time was too early for those branches of business at the time of which I am writing. (1844) There was but two cooking stoves in the town. They were owned by the two hotel keepers, **Major Bland** and **Major Bailey**. All the rest of the people used the old fashioned duck oven. The frying pans and skillets, all the kitchen fire places were from four to six feet wide with the pot rack built in the chimney, and to see the nice browned loaves of light bread our mothers and sisters would bake in those large old fashioned ovens would almost, Mr. Editor, make your mouth water and to see them roasting a large, fat turkey, before those large wood fire places -- and one of the processes was to suspend the turkey with a long cord fastened around his legs and fastened to the joist of the kitchen before a roaring fire, made of hickory logs, with a large dish on the hearth under the turkey to catch the gravy as it ran down and then take a large spoon and baste it, as it was called those times, by dipping up the gravy and pouring it over the turkey and twirling it around until it was nice, brown and done to a turn. The modern cooking may be all right but give me the old fashioned way yet.

In my next I will have something about the physicians and surgeons of the town.

An Old Citizen

*To be continued*

## WHO ARE THEY ?

Scott H. Wyant submitted this family picture for identification. It was found in the papers of his uncle, Carl C. Clark. Clark's parents were Edwin and Maria Lorena Shores Clark. Anyone who might be able to identify those in this photo can contact Scott at: 517 La Salle Ct., Winchester, KY 40391. 1-606-744-5080.




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### Formula of 8870

*Formula for determining the date of an ancestor's birth when I only knew his death date and age at death.*

Example	Died 6 May 1889	18890506	died 1889 5 <sup>th</sup> month, 6 <sup>th</sup> day
	Age 71 years 7 mos. 9 days	<u>710709</u>	
		18179797	
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## Little Appalachian



My Grandmother, **Ruth (COLLINS) BURKHAMMER**, lived at 306 Charles St. in Shadybrook, Weston, WV. Behind her house is a small mountain that she called "Little Appalachian". My relatives have a special place on that mountain called "Signature Rock". You can reach it by walking straight up the mountain from my Grandmother's backyard, entering the wooded area & then turning left. There you will see huge rocks and one of these rocks is really a huge formation. Ever since my relatives have lived in Lewis County, each one of my relatives would

carve their signatures unto it. I believe that even friends living in Shadybrook have made their mark. The last time I visited the rock was in 1975 with a few uncles. This was our "secret" place. From the mountaintop you could view the whole countryside & town of Weston. So, if you ever wander up there someday & stumble upon our signature rock, put your initials there. We never know who will find it in days to come. Gee, I miss that place.

*Submitted by, Debbie Malec*

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## FREDERICK COUNTY VA. MAP AVAILABLE One of a Kind



The Winchester-Frederick County Historical Society has a detailed map that displays the historical names of roads (including the tolls), cemeteries, mills, old post offices, streams, churches, one-room schools, etc., while imposing them on current roads so that researchers can easily locate or visit the sites.

The map is 26 x 45 inches, illustrated in four colors and was surveyed and drawn by Eugene Scheel in 1974. Cost \$6.00, which includes shipping. Make checks payable to: Winchester-Frederick County Historical Society, c/o Rebecca A. Ebert, Handley Archives, Box 58, Winchester, VA 22604.





## A TALK WITH BANCROFT

"Weston Democrat" March 8, 1890

Born only nine months later than the present century, it seems almost incredible that one should find **George Bancroft** still busy with the pen, much less laying out new literary plans.

"What do I do all day?" he said, in a recent interview. "I am an early riser you know, and after breakfast I read all the morning until after luncheon, with the exception of an hour or two when I write. In the afternoon, if the weather is favorable, I take my daily walk or drive, and by 9 o'clock I am in bed. No, I never work or read at night. It is bad for the eyes and worse for the mind. The morning is the only time to exercise the brain."

"When will I finish my history? That I cannot tell, but I do a little at it all the time. Just now I am studying Polk, for some time I want to write a history of that President. There are all his diaries," pointing to a row of seventeen large, red-bound books. "In those books are all the personal writings of his daily life, which I was privileged to have copied from the original drafts preserved by his family. Yes, there is a mass of it, but it is all valuable material. I hope to make his life an interesting one, for there is much to be told."

"I cannot be said to follow the present day literature very closely. My mind is in the past and in my work; but there is a great deal of valuable work being done. To my mind the world is growing better every day. As for our country, I think it has just begun its course. Its future is brilliant. Yes, America is the empire land of the world."

"Why look, a few hundred years ago the English language was spoken in only a small island not as large as most of our States. Now, think of the great countries, where it is the common vernacular of the millions; and Washington, beautiful Washington, has changed so in the last fifty years. Why, no one would recognize in the flawless, broad avenues, the picturesque parks, the magnificent public buildings, the former site of Washington, as I first knew it. Washington was only a small country village with big possibilities before her."

"But you haven't seen my roses," he added quickly as he drew from the table drawer a catalogue of plants. "Indeed, I have the loveliest ones in the world; in fact, I raise none but the finest and most perfect. You should see my conservatory at Newport to learn what perfection of beauty can be had in flowers."

"I am fond, very fond of company, especially that of young people, and I love to watch them, to talk to them, see their roses of youth blooming in the genial sunshine of happiness. Ah, yes, youth is the time of pleasant dreams, yet old age has its recompense of quiet and well earned rest."

"Will I write my own life? No, not that I know of at present. All the letters I wrote to my during my foreign mission were destroyed. It's a pity, too, for I would like to have them now."

And seeing his visitor preparing to leave he rose and, slowly walking to the door, stood watching her down the stairway. A striking picture was that; the slender, bent form, crowned with snowy locks, with the bright light from the window touching it with a softening halo--and the dark back-ground of the wall of books, the dark mantel and the smoldering fire. - E. W. Bok.

## THE KINKY DINKY RAILROAD

by Lindsey C. Foster

Let us continue our sentimental journey into the memory of Ritchie County's romantic little "KINKY DINKY" railroad. In last weeks part, I, we were outbound and arrived at that point of time when an extension was built from a junction at Hannahdale to Pullman.

The road has been called the P. & H. R. R. The R. R. - really meaning Rock and Roll, but without offensive music, yet, you could be sure it would always Rock and Roll. I remember a couple, man and wife named Tannin, who rode the P. & H. often. They were very stout, in fact, rolling in fat. The Conductor very politely, always asked them not to sit on the same side of the car. One on each side helped hold the rock and roll to a minimum.

With Pullman as an added terminal, some wanted it renamed the P.H. & P. and then folks would call it the Pay High and Push. However, **Mike Duty**, the owner, resented the nickname. He would insist he had low rates, low speed, low salaries and high trestles. I can concur about low salary, because I was employed, for a short while, as a Passenger and Freight agent at Pennsboro. The pay was small but in those days there was no compulsion to get rich.

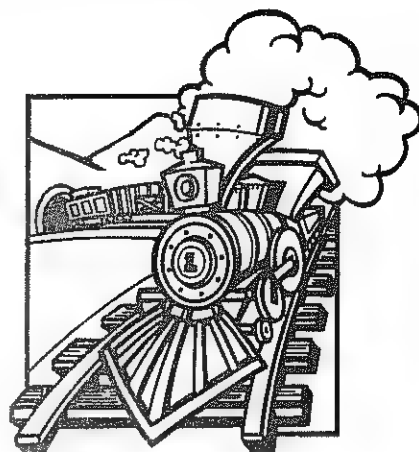
The tallest trestle, about fifty feet, was located near what is now the home of **Harry Haddox**. It was built to span a ravine or small valley, which has no name, so to help identify, I christian (sic) it Rudy Valley because if you compliment me by reading this, then "my time is your time."

Mike was also correct about the low speed. The pace they set was not space rocketry. A journey on the "DINKY" was never reckless, neither was the operation reckless. The average was about one wreck a week, but only a few were disasters. It was not a marshmallow tour, but more like a bronco busting jaunt. Mike would argue this was extra special service, good for health because it stirred up the liver. I suggested an advertising slogan, "Ride now-Burp later" but being ahead of the times, it was not adopted.

Many wrecks occurred, but no encounter with an automobile because the auto had not yet, "evolved." If the engineer and his engine sighted one of the modern two toned-gadget-loaded monstrosities perhaps they would have stampeded into the woods. Many wrecks involved cows. Often stubborn cow would dispute the right of way. Usually the engine won the contest, however occasionally, a tough muly cow would throw the engine off the narrow track. At each line fence, on the farms where the rail road rambled, were "cattle stops" to prevent the cattle from wandering. But these "stops" have all vanished with the hitching post on Main Street and the surrey with the fringe on top.

### TOO BIG FOR ITS BRIDGES

On November 27, 1907, occurred an expensive and somewhat spectacular wreck when engine #4 proved it was too big for its bridges. The Red Bridge at Hannahdale was stricken in years, old and weakened. On one trip, just as the engine started to cross, some



overhead timbers collapsed. The front cars jack-knifed. They did not drop directly, but doddered and dropped, dragging the engine backward, rear end first into Hughes River. Duffy Taylor was engineer and Tom Jack conductor, and fortunately neither was injured.

Jack was standing between the cars, a load of lumber slid endways, caught his coattail, almost pinning him fast, but he peeled it off and escaped unharmed. No lifting crane available, it was necessary to dismantle the engine, piece by piece. This was a protracted task for Joe Foster, blacksmith and others, bringing up each piece and reassembling on the tracks.

### PART III

For a runt railroad the Lorama made a lot of noise. Belching smoke and sparks, it rumbled back and forth across Bunnels Run as it meandered through the meadows and farms owned by **Billy Flanagan, John Brown, Millard Riddle, M.H. Davis, Mark McDougal, D.B. Patton (now Barnard)**, past Bunker Hill School and the Pitzer swimming hole, **Ell Gray, T.J. McDougal, Billy Clark, L. P. Wilson, F.O. Nutter**, Kelly farm, and past the fair grounds squealing and squeaking around every corner and curve.

Arriving at Pennsboro, puffing and grasping for breath, it looked puny, weak and stunted besides the towering B. & O. engine. One passenger who had clung to his fingernails as the train lurched into the station, stood nearby comparing the two engines. He suggested the little engine be led over to the B. & O. and permitted to nurse, like a calf, before starting the return trip. This was typical of the public's fond and enduring affection for the toy railroad. Many have mourned its junk heap grave for we know now it would make an interesting tourist attraction.

Like an angleworm, probing its uncertain way towards Pullman, the rail line traversed the farms of **Lincoln Wilson, Tom Mason, Creed Cross, Washington Hay Hurst, W. E. Hall** and others. It strained and struggled, chugging and tugging on the hills, stretching its slender feelers from ridge to ridge over spindled-legged trestles which quivered like a naked stork shivering in the winter wind.

Another fatal accident occurred in October 1918 on one of these shaky trestles when engineer **John Ellison Hagre** was killed. His train plunged through the flimsy structure about two miles from Pullman. It had been damaged by fire and orders were no crossing should be made until repairs completed. One engine was on the Pullman end, so passengers and shipments were to be transferred around the damage. However, orders were ignored, the engine was brought too far across, some weakened benches gave way and let the engine fall into the valley floor. The fireman, **Harley Mason**, was a lucky fellow. As the engine was falling he jumped out and landed among the branches of a large birch tree, riding them to the ground with but a few scratches.

During the week of the Ritchie County Fair, the passenger traffic was congested, but never as deadly as our modern auto highways. Everyone and his relatives rode to the Fair on the **DINKY** passenger cars, and without seat belts. We rode in "convertibles," open-air jobs, open-side freight cars, but converted for passengers during Fair week, by installing long bench type seats across each car. Eager and excited crowds piled on, exceeding legal limits, clinging for dear life. Puffing up the steep grade the flying red hot cinders were the chief hazards. While the conductor punched holes in their tickets, the cinders burned similar holes in their hats and clothing. No thought of bringing suit for

damage as it would happen now. That was in B. C. (Before Chiselers), and folks were not money mad, just nickel nutty.

Engineer **John Murray**, with **Grant Cross** as fireman and **Ray E. Riddle**, Conductor, on one trip had a load of excess Christmas mail which **Marvin Wooddell**, mail carrier, could not deliver. At one point Murry became a little "Hurry Happy" and gave the engine full throttle, over a rough stretch of track. The engine and mail car bounced off and plowed its way into the mud, sinking in the ooze of swampy field up to its side rods. Many days were required to liberate the mess and put Humpty-Dumpty back on its track. **Ray Riddle** later became engineer and he made the last trip into Harrisville with a load of ice, bringing back all the remaining equipment. As a memento of that last trip he had the engine's old bell, but its chimes are now silent in memory of its misty past.

As to all things, extinction came to the **DINKY** railroad after it had run through its hour-glass of useful life. With some paved highways and new travel methods, **Harry Lambert** brought to the county his first high wheel gas buggy. The rancous blast of its horn sounded the death knell to our tired and out of date narrow gauge. In 1925, a contract was given to **Lincoln Wilson**, by the Lorama, to roll up its rails, tear out its ties, sort and store the joint bars. In a short time there was nothing left but memories and incidental foot prints of its right of way marking the landscape in a few places. The ownership of the Lorama did not make **Mike Duty** (b. 18---d. 1926) a millionaire, nor even a thousandaire. It did serve for many years the folks of Ritchie County advancing their prosperity and progress. Thus ended the P. and H.- Lorama History, myth and legend.

Adopted: Resolved, that the President of this company notify all the stockholders of this company to pay up the stock subscribed by them and each of them by the payment of lawful money to the Treasurer of this company, within sixty days from this date.

M. K. Duty President, hereupon called Mr. E. E. Wells to the chair, he being the vice-president of this company, and the said M. K. Duty having retired from the meeting and from the room in which the meeting we being held the following resolution was read and unanimously adopted: Resolved, that the Secretary of this company deliver to M. K. Duty the full and entire issue of this company's bonds bearing date July 1st 1905, and amounting to thirty in number, and in value Thirty Thousand Dollars, as soon as the same is certified by the Union Trust and Deposit Company as trustee for and in full of all debts due to the said M. K. Duty from this company, and take and file said M. K. Duty's receipt therefore. Thereupon, the said M. K. Duty re-interred and resumed the chair.

No further business appearing the Board of Directors adjourned.

E. E. Wells Sec'y.

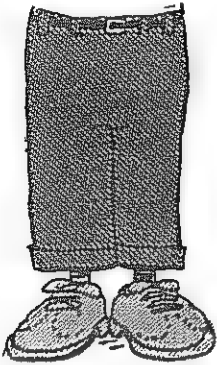
M. K. Duty President.

*This is the last entry in the minute book of the Pennsboro & Harrisville Ritchie County Railway Company and of the Lorama Railroad Company.*

*The branch line was completed to Pullman and the Lorama Railroad Company operated until 1925.*

The late Lindsey Foster, an employee of the Lorama Railroad, wrote of the operation of the railroad and of its demise in 1925.

Although our Parsons family is from Jackson County, we are descended from William Parsons, and his son, Charles Parsons & Elizabeth Chestnut and their son, William Lowther Parsons & Susan Fink, who were a part of the history of the area included in the sphere of HCPD.



## BLUE SERGE LEGS

By Virginia Parsons Rahal

*From conversations with Kermit Eugene Parsons and Helen Wanema Parsons Brooks.*

Kermit Eugene Parsons, known as Sonny, was about five years old, had the biggest, brightest, bluest pair of sparkling eyes you have ever seen. His appealing gap-toothed grin only added to the considerable charm of the little fellow.

Sonny's father, Luther Virgil Parsons, was the teacher at Cliffside, the local one-room school, and as such was the only man in Sonny's acquaintance who invariably appeared in public in blue serge suits. The neatly pressed suit, the World War I Silver Star securely attached to the lapel, was the symbol of his position as inspiration and guide to the young scholars of Dudden Creek, Jackson County, West Virginia. In addition to being a kind and loving father, Luther was a man much admired by the entire community. Sonny was a lucky boy.

But on this occasion the family was having some bad luck. There had been a death. Herbert Nichols, the husband of Luther's sister, Zona, had been the victim of a terrible gun accident. He had been an employee of the Charleston, West Virginia, Transit Authority, providers of streetcar and bus service. Clearly, he had been a great favorite with friends, family and coworkers for a huge crowd gathered at his wake.

Sonny's family arrived early and he found himself in the familiar, but now somewhat eerie surrounding of his aunt's dimly-lit home where his uncle's casket was prominently displayed. Feeling a little anxious, he promptly attached himself to his father's blue serge covered leg, where he always found safety and comfort.

Soon the room began to fill and Sonny became interested in snatches of the hushed conversations of the adults. He heard that Herbert had been a devoted father to both his children and his stepchildren. Herbert had been very musical and had taught all the children to play musical instruments and sing. Sonny knew that very well since he had often been present at family gatherings when the music from Grandpa Elsworth Parsons' front porch rang from the hills and filled the hollows of Dudden. He smiled as he recalled the funny caterwauling that his older sister, Wanema, and his Aunt Lena called singing. From his secure position still in contact with his father's leg, Sonny relaxed a little and began to feel a certain pride in the poignantly short life of this very fine man who had been his uncle.

Suddenly Sonny realized the room was extremely crowded, and it now became difficult to distinguish the various conversations going on above him. He took a firmer grasp on his pillar of strength, his father's sturdy leg. He does not recall what made him choose this time to look up at his father's face. Maybe it was to reassure himself that his father still felt comfortable in what to Sonny



had become a babbling mob. Horror of horrors, the man to whose leg he was attached was not his father. The strange man must have been somebody's father, however, because he was seemingly oblivious to the little boy clinging to his knee.

Sonny quickly let go feeling cruelly betrayed that the familiar blue serge had been a subterfuge lulling him into a false sense of security. Panic stricken, he peered into what seemed to be a dimly lit forest where all the trees were of blue serge and there was no path to lead him to the right tree, the hardy oak that was his father.

Of course, his father quickly found him and Sonny's relief was only a little noisy, a few muffled snuffles on a safe blue serge shoulder. Then like the miracle of a sunrise, the wonderful grin was back.

What Sonny didn't know, but which Wanema pointed out many years later, the uniform of the Charleston Transit Authority was blue serge. Uncle Herbert's fellow employees had honored their fallen comrade by wearing their common apparel.

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### Hold Funeral Services for "Aunt Betty" Skinner, Who Died Eighteen Years Ago

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Funeral services will be held at 2 O'clock Sunday afternoon, Aug. 18, at Mitchell cemetery, near Roanoke, Lewis county, for Mrs. Elizabeth, "Aunt Betty" Skinner, who died April 20, 1918, at the age of 82 years. If she had lived until August 17 of this year she would have been 100 years old.

"Aunt Betty", a former resident of Copley, Lewis county, at the time of her death was making her home with a granddaughter, Miss Ethel Mitchell, while the girl was attending Glenville State Normal School. Before her death Mrs. Skinner asked that the Rev. Levi T. Gainer conduct her funeral services. At the time of her death it was impossible for Miss Mitchell to secure the Rev. Mr. Gainer for the services, and she directed that the burial proceed saying that the services would be held later.

This summer Miss Mitchell was again attending Glenville State Teacher's College. There she made arrangements with the Rev. Mr. Gainer to come to Lewis County Aug. 18 to conduct the services. This date was chosen because it is only one day after the one hundredth anniversary of Mrs. Skinner's birth, Aug. 17.

The granddaughter and her mother, Mrs. Mary Mitchell, who was the daughter of "Aunt Betty", are the only near surviving relatives. -

Clarksburg Exponent Telegram

*Mrs. Skinner lived in Glenville when she died. She spent much of her early life in Gilmer county as she was a descendant of the Felix Norman family. J. D Jones, local attorney, is a great-nephew of Mrs. Skinner. Submitted by Vikki Mitchell.*

## Rev. John Mitchell Was First Methodist Minister

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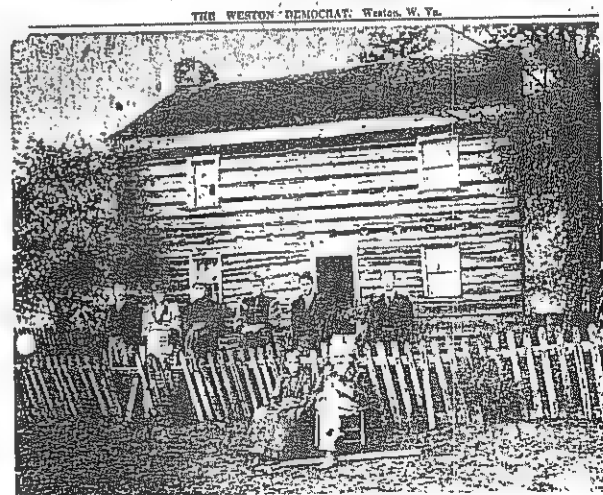
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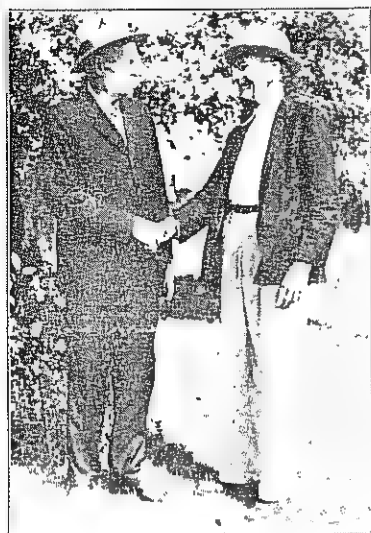


This above 1956 article, taken from the "Weston Democrat" is incomplete. Any one knowing the origin of the article or the owner of the photo, please contact Vikki Mitchell, 2953 Chase St., Huntington, WV. 25704.

# YANK AND JOHNNY REB

THE INDEPENDENT, ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA, N

YANK AND JOHNNY REB



BY Elizabeth Lynch

Three score and ten years ago this July J. E. Bennett, 91 year-old Confederate veteran, and W. H. Montgomery, 89 year-old Union veteran, fought the battle of Carrick's Ford -- one advanced, the other was forced to flee -- and the first field gun seized in the Civil War was captured at Rich's Mountain.

Mr. Montgomery of the Seventh Indiana Infantry forded an icy mountain stream and advanced on the Confederate line where J. E. Bennett with Chapman's Battery, First Brigade, Army of West Virginia, stood to defend Confederate ground on Rich's mountain. Under the fire of the Seventh Indiana, Chapman's battery was forced to abandon their ground and gun...and today the two veterans who are very near neighbors in the Sunshine City, find pleasure in talking over those old times together. Mr. Bennett, as far as

William H. Montgomery (rt.), and J. E. Bennett (lf.) were members of opposing batteries at Carrick's Ford, W. Va., when the first field gun was captured in the Civil War. Here they are shown enjoying friendship in the Sunshine City as they say to each other, "I would hate to charge your battery now."

can be learned, is the only surviving member of Chapman's battery.

The captured gun and caisson were taken by the Indiana infantry to Cleveland, where the gun now stands on a marble pedestal at the northeast corner of the Soldier's monument, with the following inscription upon its pedestal:

*"Captured, July 13, 1861, at Carrick's Ford, West Virginia, by the Seventh Indiana Infantry --the first field gun captured in the War for the Union"*

## In 32 Battles

Mr. Montgomery was in more than 32 battles of the Civil War, including Gettysburg, Fredericksburg, the Wilderness, Antietam, and many others. Mr. Bennett turned to Mr. Montgomery and said: "Well, I guess I was in every battle where you were licked and then some. I fought with "Stonewall Jackson's army."

The two old soldiers both remember the battle of Petersburg. "Yes, I remember most of all," muses Mr. Bennett, "that General Grant still owes me a

*perfectly good pair of boots. And together they tell the story of the buried boots:*

*The Union forces undermined the Confederate stronghold at Petersburg and when the explosion occurred Mr. Bennett was hurled into the air. But he fell to the ground before much of the flying earth did, for soil and debris fell on top of him, burying him armpit high.*

*Mr. Montgomery can recall watching from the battleline while Mr. Bennett was extracted from the earth and debris. And when all was finished a perfectly good pair of boots stuck unbudgingly fast at the bottom of the hole.*

### *Up Plenty Long*

*"Someone asked me how long I was up in the air at the explosion," Mr. Bennett continues, "but I told them 'twas plenty long enough for me to think of all the mean things I had ever done." And about that time one of Maloney's lieutenants said, "Well, if that's the case, my acquaintance with you would justify a guess of about three months' time you spent on your aerial trip.' "*

Again and again these two local veterans met on the battle fields at Winchester, during the valley campaign through the Shenandoah, and at Greenbrier and other places.

How the Seventh Indiana Infantry was a major factor in the success at Gettysburg, is one story Mr. Montgomery enjoys relating.

*"Twenty young men, of whom I was one, were sent with their colonel to Culp's Hill, outside Gettysburg, and were to scout around."*

### *Night Strategy*

*"Out there in the darkness of the woods we heard approaching footsteps and knew it was the enemy. But we pretended we were far stronger in numbers than the case actually was, and the colonel called a halt. The approaching party immediately thought they had come upon the Union line of defense. Some ran and our group captured the rest -- 23 men, a captain and a lieutenant. On account of that scare the opposing forces dropped their extensive flanking scheme, though the territory they feared was not occupied by the Union forces for some time afterwards."*

"Referring to that incident General Hofmann said, at the unveiling of the monument at Harrisburg, Pa: *'The Seventh Indian Infantry, though they fired not a shot, saved the Union army from entire defeat at Gettysburg.'* "

Far away and impersonal seem the history book lessons on the Civil War, and the facts are now too often learned by rote when it's time to cram for an examination at school, but there still are persons here who can make those pages of American history seem strangely close at hand and uncanny in their reality. J. E. Bennett and William H. Montgomery are two of those persons -- and after all it was only 70 years ago.

*The Independent, St. Petersburg, Florida, Monday, June 1, 1931.*

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The preceding article was submitted by Juanita Bennett Moore who states, "The story about Yank & Johnny Reb may not be entirely authentic. Grandpa Bennett was 91 then, but I understand he was clear-headed until his death. Also the information in the obituary may be incorrect. I don't believe Stonewall Jackson lived to fight four years, did he?"

### *A Brief Statement Before Departing*

Editor Independent:

After 31 years of weary wandering, I return to the place of my birth. I come with the feeling that ever clings round the heart of a man who feels that he treads his native soil. Virginia, my own, my native land. God grant that peace and plenty may ever flow throughout your borders, and that your sons may ever rise to commemorate the fame of their fathers for all that is good, all that is great, all that is glorious, all that is virtuous and noble coming of men.

Coming among you at this age and distance renders it less than probable that I shall ever look upon your faces again. If not, remember my thanks for your kindness, and in my latest hours my prayers shall ascend for all the precious gifts that Divine Providence can bestow upon those from whom I have sprung.

J. E. Bennett

### **OBIT: James E. Bennett, Veteran of Civil War Passes at 92**

James Edward Bennett, 92, who served four years during the Civil War as a Confederate soldier under "Stonewall" Jackson, died this morning at 6:45 o'clock at the home of his son, M. J. Bennett, 1321 Melrose avenue south.

He came here four years ago from Siloam Springs, Ark. He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. N. S. Clark, Formoso, Kan; three sons, Clyde Bennett, Oklahoma City, Okla; (note, the name of Ralph Iven of Mangum, Okla. was left out) and M. J. Bennett, already mentioned; and one brother Robert B. Bennett, Ireland, W. Va.

Funeral service will be held Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the J. W. Wilhelm Funeral home with the Rev. Dr. David M. Gardner officiating. Interment will be made at *Royal Palm Cemetery. (newspaper article-no source 1932)*

**APPLAUSE! APPLAUSE!**

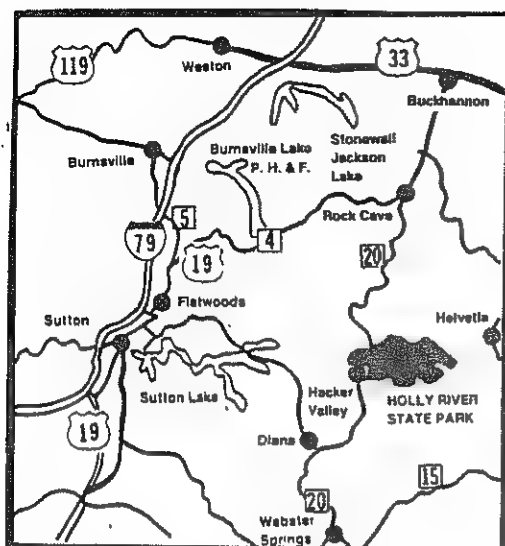
Joy,

I really appreciate all the work the volunteers are doing. I know how tedious it is looking for all those "little things". It sure has made it easier for all of us who live out of state and don't have the time to stay in WV and scan all those papers ourselves.

Billie Jo Runyon



## A Place Worth Seeing in Hacker's Creek Area of West Virginia



By Ellie McClain Maroon

While visiting West Virginia in August I joined my Aunt and her family for a picnic in Holly River State Park. This park is nestled in the heart of West Virginia, located on WV 20, 32 miles north of Webster Springs.

Situated in a cool refreshing spot, on the bank of the river is a restored one room school house which is open for visiting. Windy Gap School served students from 1902-1960. It was located in the Hacker Valley District on Hill Road between Hackers Valley and Pickens. The school served as few as 3 or 4 up to 19 or 20 students each year. In 1920 there were 11 students and they had all eight grades.

Pickens brothers built the schoolhouse and a butcher built the chimney. The school bell was rung at Windy Gap by Jodi Butcher, Ruth Fahrner 1912-1914, Orpha Mace 1922-1923, Hoff Butcher 1923-1924, and Anna Louise Criss 1927-28, to name a few.

There were items that had been donated all around the walls and setting around throughout the school building. Pictures of students adorned the walls, along with lists of names. I copied these: 1919 Ray Bender, Robt. Wilson, Audia McGraw, Doy Wilson, Tessie Bender, Ocie McGraw, Vada Cowger, Viola Bender and Bonnie Dodull, Teacher; 1932 Joyce Quinn, Bealah & Eula Isch, Elaners & Mildred Quinn, Nellie Cowger, Elsie Bender and Helen & June Isch.

There were glass front cases all around the walls full of old books and donated items labeled for the viewer to see who had used and donated them.

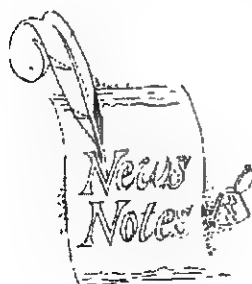
This was a wonderful afternoon in the woods and on the banks of a rolling river and I'm sure any of you readers would enjoy the trip to the park and your experience after you get there. The park is on a very windy, curvy road and its fairly hard to drive to, but after you get there it is a beautiful sight to behold.

Windy Gap Schoolhouse is only open for certain hours on certain days, so if you are planning to go visit the site you should call and inquire about the hours. The telephone for the park is 1-800-CALLWVA.

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*Weston Democrat, November 2, 1889*

**Died:** Francis McCudden Sr. died at his home on Loveberry Run of Sand Fork on Wednesday last. MR. McCudden was one of the earliest Irish settlers in this county, having moved here over 30 years ago. His wife and three sons survive: John, William and Frank. He is buried from St. Bernards Church today. (Friday)



## Law Chapel United Methodist Memorial Church



Law Chapel on Smoke Camp of Freeman's Creek, Lewis County, West Virginia was founded by John (Jackie) Law in 1878. John was the first Pastor.

In 1876 ground for Law Chapel Church and Cemetery was deeded to the United Methodist Conference, by John and his wife Nancy (Burnside) Law. John and his two deaf/mute sons, Calvin and Moses T. Law built the church. The Church was completed and dedicated to the United

Methodist Conference in 1878. At a later date a portion of land, on the upper side of the Cemetery was given to the Church by Columbus Francis.

John built a large log house that later burned and then rebuilt another home on the farm. It was here that John became a Christian. On February 11, 1860 John Law was licensed as a Social Preacher in the Methodist Episcopal Church. Services were held in his home until the house became too small.

In 1985 Law Chapel Cemetery Association, Inc. was founded and at that time the Church and Cemetery were purchased from the Methodist Conference. The Church is still original except for a few changes. Services are held each year on Saturday before Memorial Day and Sunday before Labor Day at 1 pm. A visit to the old Church and Cemetery will bring back memories of by gone years.

Information on the Church is from Lewis County Court Records, Mable Law Gainer and others. *Submitted by Maynard D. Law, 911 S. 45th Street, Temple, Texas 76504-6505.*



*Weston Democrat, November 23, 1889*

*To Attend Funeral:* Mrs. J. M. Dohan, wife of the proprietor of the Exchange Hotel, on the lower Ann Street, left Thursday over the Ohio River R R for her former home near Moundsville. Called there suddenly by a telegram announcing the death of her mother. Mrs. Dohan's mother,

Mrs. Terrill, was 86 years of age and died from the effects of an accident. She was very active for one of her age, had stepped up on the chair to reach for something hanging on the wall, when she fell breaking one of her lower limbs and causing her death. The funeral occurred Friday morning at 10 o'clock from the Universalist Church at Fork Ridge, Marshall County. *State Journal.*

## Elam Cummins Robinson My Great Great Grandfather

by Melinda C. Larson

My gr.-gr.-grandfather, Elam

Cummins ROBINSON, was born in Lewis County, WV on 2 May 1841, the second son and third child of Nelson ROBINSON and Catherine LANCE. He was married on 26 April 1860 in Upshur County to Almyra Arminta MARPLE, the daughter of John Weaver MARPLE and Ruth REGER. In the 1860 Upshur County census, Elam is listed as the head of household, age 20, occupation farmer, with wife, Almyra age 20. Their first child, Rose Ella, was born 30 July 1861. Almost 2 years later, a son, Omar Lamar, was born on 6 April 1863. Except for the dates of their children's births listed above, I have no knowledge of what happened in their lives during this time.

On 1 May 1863, Elam along with his younger brother, George Washington ROBINSON enlisted with the Confederate Army 20th VA Cavalry in Weston, Lewis County, WV. Elam was a 2nd SGT. Just one month later he was listed as a prisoner of war and held at Camp Chase until 9 October 1863 when he was transferred to Atheneum Prison. He was there only for 12 days and then transferred back to Camp Chase. On 22 January 1864 he was placed on a train and sent to Rock Island, IL where the Union Army had a new prison camp that had only been opened a few months. It took 3 days and nights to reach Illinois. He finally took the Oath of Allegiance and was released on 5 August 1864.

While Elam was held at Rock Island Prison, he kept a journal of his thoughts, activities, etc. The book was a small, dark brown and leather bound measuring 4 in. by 7 1/2 in. It could easily have fit in a shirt or jacket pocket. In the very beginning of the journal Elam mentioned that he had left another journal with a Rev. Ligget in Pocahontas. He made entries almost daily in the beginning starting with how much he missed his wife and children and how much. I depend on God to get me through this ordeal. At some point in time, Elam became a minister. I can find no trace of his education and in the short span of time between the 1860 census when he was listed as a farmer until this journal was started in early 1864, he began preaching. Often, he mentions how bad the conditions were and how much sickness there is all around. He even gives the number of the barracks that he preached in, how many men attended, and what scripture from the Bible he had based his sermon on. He only mentioned a few specific names throughout the journal but he often wrote of his dear friend, Stephen POST. It is interesting to note that the same Stephen POST was also listed in the 1860 Upshur County census with his wife, Leah, and several children. Stephen was the son of Daniel POST and Mary HEAVENER of Lewis and later Upshur County, WV.

Leah BRAKE, his wife, was the granddaughter of Jacob BRAKE and Mary SLAUGHTER and the sister of my 3g grandmother, Mary Magdalene BRAKE who married Isaac REGER.

On 5 August 1864, Elam and Stephen were both released from the Rock Island Prison and set out for Bryant, IL in Fulton County. Elam wrote I haven't seen my dear sister for 8 years and pray that we have a successful journey. Sucelia/Cecelia had married at the age of 15 in Upshur Co., (W) VA, in November of 1852. They stayed with Cecelia and her husband, William C. Jones in Bryant

for several weeks where Elam began preaching in some of the local churches. Sometime on November of 1864, Elam decided that he wanted to become Baptist and asked one of the local ministers to immerse him in the river as the Baptist faith practices. At this time, he was staying with Ira KUYKENDALL and his wife, Rebecca. Cecelia and her husband left Illinois sometime before the 1870 census and I have yet to determine where they relocated to.

The Kuykendalls were quite a bit older than Elam but had lived in Upshur County and were also listed in the 1860 Upshur County census. Perhaps they were friends of his parents or had gone to the same church in Upshur County. In the late fall, he began writing about his plans to return to West Virginia, to see his dear wife and bring them all back to Illinois with him because he felt that his chances of living a better life were in Illinois and not the mountains where he had been raised. He even mentioned that his father was selling off his land, and I assumed that the plan was for his parents to go to Illinois with him, but have since learned that they went to Scotland Co., MO, in the summer of 1865 with his older brother, Marshall and his family. In 1870, Nelson and Catherine Robinson were divorced and she stayed in Scotland Co. with Marshall. Where Nelson went is still unknown. Catherine died in 1885 and is buried within a mile of the farm she and Nelson owned. For whatever reasons Elam was not able to return to his family until February of 1865. Seeing his wife and children after such a long period of separation was very emotional for him and he was devastated when his son didn't recognize him. *"But my dear little Ella knew me right away"*.

In April of 1865, Elam and Almyra, with their children, Rose Ella and Omar, returned to Bryant, IL. It was at this time that the journal entries became further apart and the quality of the writing began to deteriorate. He mentions symptoms of fever and weak-ness and on 5 October 1865, at the age of 25, died probably from tuberculosis. He is buried in Bryant at the Salem-Wilcoxen Cemetery. We have visited his grave and have photographs of his headstone. As far as I know, no other member of his family is buried there. His widow and her small children now age 4 years and 2 years left almost immediately by wagon to return to West Virginia. Almyra was 7 1/2 months pregnant with their 3rd child when Elam died. What a horrendous trip that must have been for a pregnant woman and 2 young children alone--crossing the



mountains when the weather was beginning to become cold and facing any number of unknown obstacles. Electa Cathryn ROBINSON was born in Upshur County on 14 November 1865 barely 5 weeks after her father's death. Almyra and her children went to live with her parents, close to what is now the Hodgesville area of Upshur County.

In April of 1873, Almyra ROBINSON remarried to Eli RINEHART of Lewis County, a widower with 3 small children, Maud Effa age 6, Floyd W. age 3, and Abraham W. who was less than a year old--his mother had died from complications of his birth. Her own children remained with their grandparents and are listed with them in the 1880 Upshur County census. Eli and Almyra had a child in 1877, a son named Evert M. RINEHART.

Almyra died in October 1885 from inflammation and is buried at McVane Cemetery in Upshur County beside her parents. Maud Effa died the following year at age 19 and is buried beside her mother in Lewis County at Jesse Run Church Cemetery. Evert M. died of typhoid fever in 1891 and his half brother, Abraham W., died just 6 weeks later also from typhoid fever. Both are buried at Jesse Run Church Cemetery. Eli RINEHART died in 1914 and is buried next to his 1st wife at Jesse Run Cemetery. I do not know if Floyd W. RINEHART reached manhood or married.

There is a museum now on the property that once housed the prisoners at Rock Island, however, the property remains government owned. There is also a National Cemetery there, containing approximately 1700 men who died while held captive. Although the physical buildings no longer are standing, there is a wonderful map and drawing of how the barracks were laid out and numbered. I could see where Elam had stayed and the proximity of the other barracks where he preached his sermons.

The last few pages of the journal show an entry made many years after Elam's death and is the recording of the birth of his first grandchild, Ethel Ruth LAWSON, daughter of Rose Ella ROBINSON and Ira Albert LAWSON. Ethel was born 16 October 1884 in Abbott, Upshur County and was my grandmother. The next entry was for the birth of a second granddaughter, Edna Araminta LAWSON in 1886. The final entry was to record the payment of a loan of \$50 to I. A. LAWSON. I assume Ruth Reger MARPLE, mother of Almyra ROBINSON, made the last three entries. Almyra had died before the 2nd grandchild was born or the loan paid. Since their grandparents raised Rose Ella and her siblings it would make sense that her grandmother had recorded the births of her great-grandchildren.

Rose Ella ROBINSON married Ira Albert LAWSON on 25 November 1883 in Upshur County. He was the son of William M. LAWSON, Jr. and Nancy MYERS of Lewis County and was the youngest of 17 children. Ira and Ella, my great grandparents, had 5 children; Ethel Ruth, Edna Araminta, Omar Albert, Vergie Alberta, and Robert Bryan. All are buried in Old Heavner Cemetery in Buckhannon next to their parents.

Omar Lamar ROBINSON married on 16 September 1885 to May B. BALSLEY the daughter of William and Mary BALSLEY. They had only one child a daughter named Mary.

Electa Cathryn ROBINSON was the first of her siblings to marry. On 11 September 1883, at the home of her grandmother, Ruth MARPLE, married Alfred Newton Bub KEE, the son of James Perry KEE and Harriett Jane HINZMAN of Harrison County. Bub and Lectra had a total of 13 children and lived in Roane County.

Catherine LANCE, the mother of Elam, was the daughter of George Washington LANCE and Mary Francis WOODFORD of what is now Barbour County. Who were Nelson ROBINSON's parents? He was born in VA according to the census records. I have been searching for this information for over 12 years and have not been able to locate his parents or siblings.

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## Greetings from Away

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3 Aug. 1997

To the Officers and Members,  
Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants



Dear Friends and Relatives, (which includes many of you),

How I wish that I could be with all of you on this special occasion! But, gone are the days when I could coerce and command my children to accompany me on my several excursions to West Virginia. At this point, they are grown, married, with offspring of their own and unable to make the long auto trip.

My husband passed away 6 years ago after 18 years of combating Parkinson's, so I really have nobody to make the trek with. Unfortunately, there is no one in this area who wants to come to that general area with me.

Each year I have longed to come to the reunion but it hasn't worked out. I look forward, with much anticipation, to the Journal each time. It is an excellent publication and I am so proud of the whole group which has made such a great success of the whole undertaking!

I only wish that I could volunteer in all of your work but distance precludes it. We do have a fantastic library here in conjunction with our San Antonio Gen. and Hist. Soc. I was Book Chairman for a number of years and helped build a West Va. collection, as well as others.

I continue to research my Flesher, Staats, and Allen lines from Lewis Co., and am currently working with a man in Delaware on our earlier Staats line. They were among the early (1630's-40's) settlers on Long Island to Staten Island then to New Castle Co., Del. This debunks the Staats data in Harold Staats book- he confused ours with the group from Albany to N. J.! I will send results of research to you later. I'm still trying to unravel data on James Allen an 1<sup>st</sup> wife, Magdalene Kuykendall, from Hardy Co., (W) Va. to Lewis Co. (w. 2<sup>nd</sup> wife, Frances Fisher Teter). They later removed to Tyler Co. with Henry Flesher, son of Adam.

Out of room...

Would love to hear from any "relatives".

Love and Best Wishes,

Betty Jane Hamner

122 Brittany Drive

San Antonio, TX 78212-1720

## Notes Of William Henry Phillips

submitted by Hal Phillips

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*The following is information taken from notes in my great grandfather's church books. He was a Baptist circuit minister in Monongalia County, WV. He was appointed by the Goshen Baptist Church. (William Henry Phillips).*

**Wm Austin** born 8 Feb 1840 died 12 April 1896, 55 years, 2m and 8 days - Entered at Fairview Cem - Subject: What will ye do in the Solemn day. Hosia 9-5.

**Sarah A. Holland** born 3 Feb 1817 died 1 Jan 1900 - died in Randolph Co.

**Robbert Johnson** - funeral at Pisgah Church 18 May 1908. Lead me to the Rock that is higher than I, For thou hast been a shelter for me.

**Mary Ann Haney** born 29 may 1802 died 28 Aug 1895 - joined the Regular Baptist Church at Stewarts Town, removed their membership to Morgantown, from Morgantown to Pleasant Hill when the church was organized

**Wm. C. Haney** born 1814 died 19 Jun 1894 married 1836 to **Miss Mary Ann Henry** born unto them two daughters, **Mrs Mary Jane Protzman** and **Elizabethn Ann Moore**

**Ora Belle Barnes** born 20 Sep 1881 died 12 Mar 1901 - buried at Goshen 14 Mar 1901

**Roy Williams** infant Son of James and **Mollie Williams** born 5 Jan 1900 died 9 Dec 1900.

**Charley Francis Lotton** born 12 Dec 1875 died 27 Oct 1896 - professed Christ near 3 years ago - baptized by **Bro Snodgrass**

**Rawley Jacobs** 1901, 90 and 6 months

### From the old Howell family Bible

<b>Raymond</b>	<b>Blanch</b>
<b>Bessie</b>	<b>Clarenc</b>
<b>Idnett</b>	<b>Mauda</b>
<b>Forest</b>	<b>Clark</b>
<b>Ethel</b>	<b>Russell</b>
<b>Blanch</b>	<b>Ruth (Dead)</b>

*No date for above appears to be between 1910 and 1915.*

**Capel Howell** b 3 Aug 1805 d 14 May 1886

**Nancy Hoffman** b 11 Mar 1810 d 10 Feb 1881

**Sarah Ann** 17 Jan 1828

**Mary** 28 Apr 1830



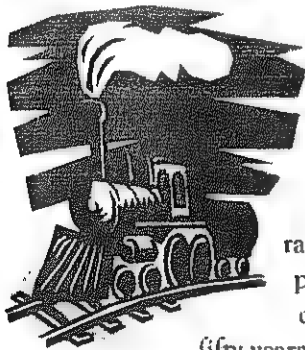
Elizabeth 6 Dec 1832  
 Susan 16 Oct 1838  
 John H 18 Sep 1840  
 Christian 25 May 1843  
 Cleon C 28 Sep 1845  
 Isaac S 19 Jul 1848  
 Harriet 21 Jan 1850 (Note: my great grandmother)  
 Mary Alice 20 Sep 1855 Dellslow, W.Va.

#### Members at Pleasant Hill Church

Received into the Pleasant Hill Church by Rev. Cheneworth

Clara Fields  
 Mabel Fields  
 Bessie Runner  
 Curtis Shaffer  
 Leatha Shaffer  
 Dimpi Lazzell  
 Hulda Pixler  
 James Reed  
 J. P. Bumbridge  
 Dosie Reed

John Mayfield  
 J.M. Pixler  
 Ida B. Pixler  
 John Grisemern  
 Thos Pixler  
 Mame Breakivn  
 Sherman Runner  
 Alice Runner  
 Willie Fluman  
 Raymond Runner



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pg 61 19 Aug 1793

**James Cobun** came into court and proved one days attendance as a witness in behalf of **Robt. (?Higins)** in his suit vs **John Radcliff** and allowed 40 miles traveling to court, same returning.

Commonwealth and **John Cottrell** vs **Thomas Cottrell Junior** - upon complaint **Thos. Cottrell**. The court upon hearing the complaint is of the opinion that said **Thos. Cottrell** be bound to his good behavior - fined fifty dollars.

pg 63 19 Aug 1793

Grand jury indicts **John Cottrell**, cordwiner for profance swearing five oaths on the 25 of July 1793 by the information of **Thomas Cottrell Junior**.

Ordered that the settlement of **Edmond West** executor of the estate of **Edmond West** deceased made by **John McCally** and **Thos. Read Esq.** be admitted to record, said settlement amounting to L41.3.03/4 and L3.16.3 1/4 is allowed the executor for his trouble.

pg 79 Oct 1793

**Margaret Richards** an orphan came into court and made choice of **Robert Lowther** for her guardian and that the said guardian give bond at next court according to law.

Also appoint that the said **Robert Lowther** shall be the guardian of **Sarah Recards** and that he give bond according by the next court.

**Elias Hughes** and **Jane** his wife came into court and acknowledged a deed of conveyance for 12 acres of land to **Edward Jackson**.

pg 84 18 Nov 1793

**Robert Lowther** with **Joseph Davisson** his security came into court and gave bond of L200 for the guardianship of **Margaret** and **Sarah Richards** daughters of **Arnold Richards** deceased.

pg 98 20 Jan 1794

Ordered that the inventory of the estate of **Elisabeth Hickman** deceased amounting to L111.0.0 be recorded.

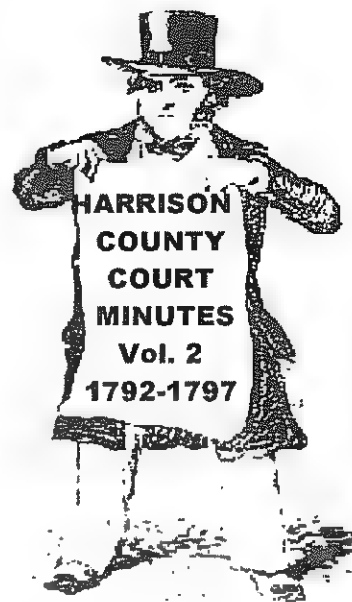
**Thos Hughes** came into court and took the oath of a Lieutenant of the Militia.

**Thos. Reed** and **Mildred** his wife came into court and acknowledged a deed of conveyance for 52 1/2 acres of land to **John Barkley**.

pg 99 20 Jan 1794

**Thomas Hughes** came into court and made oath that **Susannah Hughes** to be a material witness in his defense vs **John (?Miers or Myers)**.

Ordered that **David Sleeth** be allowed the sum of 32 (?shillings) for bringing from Richmond 32 copys of acts of Assembly and Congress and that he be paid out of the Supplys of the present county levy.



**pg 101 3rd Monday Feb 1794**

**Thomas Nutter** and **Sarah** his wife (she being privately examined and consenting thereto) came into open court and acknowledged a deed of conveyance for 236 acres to **John Haymond**. Also a deed to **Thomas Nutter Junior** for 671 acres of land.

**pg 102 3rd Monday Feb 1794**

**John Brown** came into court and sworn into office of Ensign of the Militia

Ordered that **Jacob Bush** be surveyor of the highway in the room of **Christopher Carpenter**.

**pg 103 3rd Monday Feb 1794**

Ordered that **John Hacker**, **Jacob Cozad**, **William Hacker** and (**Ebn. Stutt**) do view and mark a way for a road, they being first sworn, beginning at the mouth of **Bozarts** fork of **Buckhannon Run** and to the county line to intersect the road now opening by the tithables of **Randolph County** and that the report the convinces and invonviences to the court.

**pg 104 3rd Monday Feb 1794**

**John Radcliff Jun.** upon complaint and proof of **John Carpenter**, ordered that the attorney for **Joseph (?Paterson)**, said **Radcliff** Gd for the sum of L1.6.6 To wit for one otter skin and 1 raccoon skin out of the judgt obtained last October against said **Radcliff**.

Ordered that **James Brown** be surveyor of the highway in the room of **Edward Brown**.

**pg 105 3rd Monday Feb 1794**

**Thomas Carpenter** with **William Lowther** and **Robert Lowther** came into court and entered into bond of L200 for said **Carpenter** duly administrating on the estate of **William Chapman** deceased.

**pg 106 3rd Monday Feb 1794**

**Jesse Hughes**, **Thomas Hughes** and **William Racliff** came into court and entered into bond in due form in the sum of L100 for said **Jesse Hughes** administrator of the estate of **Edward Tanner**, deceased. Said **Jesse Hughes** took the oath required by law.

Ordered that **Alex. Sleeth**, **John Simms**, **Wm. Sim** and **Henry McWhorter** or any three of them they being first sworn do appraise the personal estate and slaves if any of the estate of **Edward Tanner** deceased and return an inventory to court.

**pg 110 17 Mar 1794**

Ordered that **Elijah Runyan** be appointed surveyor of the highway in the room of **John Simms**.

**pg 111 17 Mar 1794**

Grand jury indictments:

**Conrad Coon** for profane swearing (within two months last past) by the knowledge of two of our own body.

Joseph Parsons for assult and batter by the information of Charles Bodkin.

**pg 116 19 March 1794**

John Sleeth Junior came into court and acknowledged a power of attorney to George and Edward Jackson to transact certain business respecting a tract of land.

**pg 125 21 April 1794**

John Hacker and Margaret his wife in due form acknowledge a deed of conveyance for 164 acres of land to Wm. Hacker.

Ordered that Jacob Cozad surveyor of the 1st district with his tithables open a new road from the mouth of Bozarth's fork to the Randolph County line as viewed by John Hacker, Jacob Cozad and Wm. Hacker.

**pg 131 23 April 1794**

Thomas Lowther vs. Nicholas Carpenter. The defendant appeared and enters Conrad Coon bail. Ordered that the proceedings of last court be set aside as touching the judgt against John Haimaman garnashes and that the common mode of proceeding issue continued.

**pg 134 19 May 1794**

Ordered that Joel Lowther have a resurvey for 300 acres of land lying on both sides of the West Fork adjoining Wm. Lowther.

Thomas Hughes came into court and proved 3 days attendance as witness in behalf of Jesse Hughes in his defense against John Hambleton.

**pg 135 19 May 1794**

This day came Jonathan Coburn before us and made oath that he obtained a note by assignment from Wm. Lowther given by James Davis for L12 dated the 12th (?) 1785 upon which there is a credit for L3.13.0 and that he hath re'd no further payment but the note so much worn that some parts of it is so defaced that it cannot be red and other parts lost and prays that the same may be certified.

**pg 149 21 July 1794**

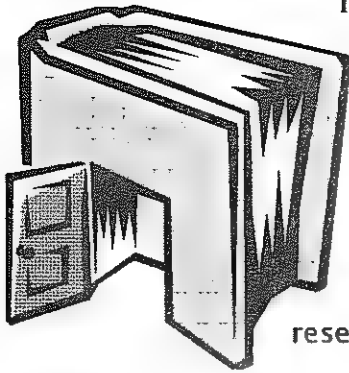
Ordered that David Smith and Jacob Statser be exempted from laboring on the highway through infirmity.

**pg 151 21 Jul 1794**

Ordered that Robert Lowther, John Reed, John Hagle and Daniel Cain or any three of them they being first sworn do view and mark a way for a road from (?cote) Lowther fence the highest and best way to the locust corner of Daniel Cains fence and make report to court.

**pg 152 18 Aug 1794**

A deed of bargain and sale was presented in court from Stephen Radcliff to Martin Powers for 400 acres of land was proven by the oath of John Robinson and Saml Shinn and the affirmation of Clement Shinn.



## The Location of Naturalization Records

By Claire Prechtel-Klusdens.

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*The following article should assist you in locating the naturalization record you are looking for.*

We are frequently asked where an ancestor's naturalization records can be found. This article will provide general guidance that should assist most researchers in finding these records.

Naturalization is the process of by which an alien becomes an American citizen. It is a voluntary act by the alien; naturalization is not required. Twenty-five percent of foreign-born persons listed on the 1890 through 1930 censuses had not become naturalized or filed their "first papers."

### The Courts

From the first naturalization law passed by Congress in 1790 up through much of the twentieth century, an alien could become naturalized in any court of record. Thus, most people went to the court most convenient to them, usually a county court of some kind. The names and types of courts vary from state to state. The names and types courts have also varied during different periods of history—but may include the county supreme, circuit, district, equity, chancery, probate, or common pleas court. Most researchers will find that their ancestors became naturalized in one of these courts. A few State Supreme Courts also naturalized aliens, such as the Supreme Courts of Indiana, Idaho, Iowa, Maine, New Jersey, and South Dakota.

Some persons who lived in large cities become naturalized in a Federal court, such as a U.S. District Court or U.S. Circuit Court, if one of those courts were convenient to them.

### General Rule: The Two-Step Process

Congress passed the first law regulating naturalization in 1790 (1 Stat. 103). As a general rule, naturalization was a two-step process that took a minimum of five years. After being in the United States a minimum of two years, an alien could file a "declaration of intent" to become a citizen. A minimum of three years after that, the alien could then "petition for naturalization." After the petition was granted, a certificate of citizenship was issued to the alien. These two steps did not have to take place in the same court. As a general rule, the "declaration of intent" will contain more genealogically-useful information than the "petition." The "declaration" may include the alien's month and year (or possibly the exact date) of his immigration to the United States.

## Exceptions to the General Rule

Having stated this "two-step, five-year" general rule, it is necessary to note several exceptions. The first major exception was that "derivative" citizenship was granted to wives and minor children of naturalized men. From 1790 to 1922, wives of naturalized men automatically became citizens. This also meant that an alien woman who married a U.S. citizen automatically became a citizen upon marriage.

From 1790 to 1940, children under the age of 21 automatically became naturalized citizens upon the naturalization of their father. Unfortunately, however, names and biographical information about wives and children are rarely included in declarations or petitions before September 1906.

The second major exception to the general rule was that, from 1824 to 1906, minor aliens who had lived in the U.S. five years before their twenty-third birthday could file their declarations and petitions at the same time.

The third major exception to the general rule was the special consideration given to veterans. An 1862 law allowed honorably-discharged army veterans of any war to petition for naturalization without previously having filed a declaration of intent after only one year's residence in the United States. An 1894 law extended the same no-previous-declaration privilege to honorably-discharged five-year veterans of the Navy or the Marine Corps. Over 192,000 aliens were naturalized between May 9, 1918 and June 30, 1919, under an act of May 9, 1918, that allowed aliens serving in the U.S. armed forces during "the present war" to file a petition for naturalization without making a declaration of intent or proving five years' residence. Laws enacted in 1919, 1926, 1940, and 1952 continued various preferential treatment provisions for veterans.

## The Records

It is impossible to provide hard-and-fast rules about the content or even the existence of naturalization records. The 1905 Report to the President of the Commission on Naturalization remarked:

The methods of making and keeping the naturalization records in both the Federal and State courts are as various as the procedure in such cases. Thus the declaration of intention in some courts consists merely of the bare statement of the intention and the name and allegiance of the alien, while in other courts it also includes a history of the alien.... In a majority of courts alien applicants are not required To make the declaration of intention required by law ... and in other courts he is. Previous to 1903 a majority of courts did not require petitions or affidavits; other courts did. Some courts keep a naturalization record separate from the other records; other courts include the naturalization record in the regular minutes of the court. Some records contain full histories of the aliens, but a majority of the records show only the name, nationality, oath of allegiance, and date of admission. In 1903, a Justice Department investigator made even more damning comments:

I find the naturalization records in many cases in a chaotic condition, many lost and destroyed, and some sold for old paper. Most the records consist of merely the name and nativity of the alien with no means of identifying aliens of the same name.... In numerous cases I find aliens naturalized under initials

instead of Christian names, surnames misspelled or changed entirely, and names of witnesses inserted in place of the alien naturalized.... The examination of the records discloses the remarkable fact that never, since the first enactment of the naturalization laws, has any record been made in any court of the names of minor children who, under the operation of the statutes, were made citizens by the naturalization of their parents.

### The Location of these Records

Naturalization records from county courts may still be at the county court, or in a county or state archives, or at a regional archives serving several counties within a state. Some of these records or indexes have been published, such as the Index of Naturalizations, Ashtabula County, Ohio, 1875-1906, published by the Ashtabula County Genealogical Society.

Do not be surprised if county court employees tell you their naturalization records are at "the National Archives" or that their court never conducted naturalizations. Most current court employees are probably not genealogists and may not be familiar with, or interested in, the court's older records. It is up to the researcher to have persistence in determining the location of older court records. Some of these records may have been microfilmed and may be available through "Family History Centers" run by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints ("Mormon"). Family History Centers are open to the public.

If the naturalization took place in a Federal court, naturalization indexes, declarations, of intent, and petitions will usually be in the National Archives' Regional Archives serving the state in which the Federal court is located. Some of these indexes and records have been microfilmed and are available through "Mormon" Family History Centers or the American Genealogical Lending Library (a private company that rents microfilmed genealogical records to the public).

The Microfilm Reading Room (Room 400) in the National Archives Building in downtown Washington, D.C., has some microfilmed Federal court naturalization indexes, declarations, and petitions, but it is by no means a complete collection of these records. To repeat, most Federal naturalization records are found in the National Archives Regional Archives serving the state in which the Federal court is located.

Although the National Archives does not have naturalization records created in state or local courts, we do have three microfilmed indexes that serve as a finding aid to some state and local court naturalizations. National Archives Microfilm Publication M1285, Soundex Index to Naturalization Petitions for the United States District and Circuit Courts, Northern District of Illinois, and Immigration and Naturalization Service District 9, 1840-1950 (179 rolls) serves both as an index to naturalization petitions from the two Federal courts mentioned in its title and as an index to naturalization petitions filed in county courts in eastern Iowa, northwestern Indiana, eastern Wisconsin, and northern Illinois.

National Archives Microfilm Publication M1674, Index (Soundex) to Naturalization Petitions Filed in Federal, State, and Local Courts in New York,



New York, including New York, Kings, Queens, and Richmond Counties, 1792-1906 (294 rolls) serves a similar finding aid function for New York City naturalization petitions.

National Archives Microfilm Publication M1299, Index to New England Naturalization Records, 1791-1906 (117 rolls) serves a similar function for naturalizations occurring in various courts in the New England states.

For more detailed information, consult John J. Newman, *American Naturalization Processes and Procedures, 1790-1985* (Indianapolis: Indiana Historical Society, 1985).

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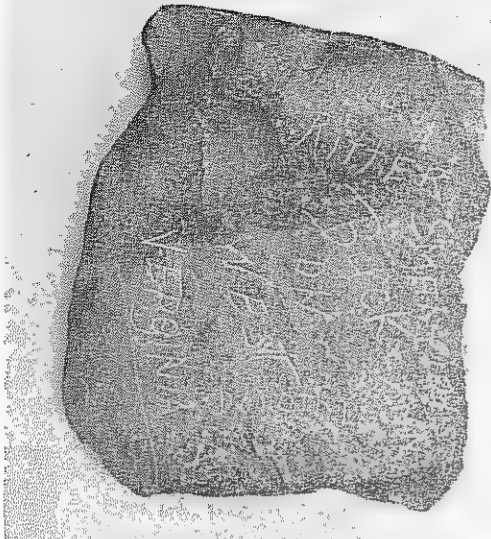
### *Former W.V. Teacher Passes*



**William Moore**, 72, of Clarksburg, died Friday, September 5, 1997 in United Hospital Center. Moore was a retired and respected central West Virginia educator. He was born in Clarksburg April 4, 1925, a son of the late Calvin Moore and the late Goldie Wolfe Moore. He is survived by his wife, Edith Flowers Moore, whom he married in 1948. Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, William A. and Donna Moore, of Bridgeport, Brad and Jeanne Moore of Thomas; a daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and Randy Roberts of St Louis, Mo.; eight grandchildren, Katie, Emily, Whitney, and Allison Moore, Drew, Michael, Ashley and Alex Roberts; two brothers, Jack L. Moore of Dunellin, Fla., and Kenneth C. Moore of Port St. Lucie, Fla. An infant sister, Clara Belle Moore preceded him in death. Moore graduated from Washington Irving High School and after serving with the United States Navy Seabees, he attended and graduated with a bachelor's degree from West Virginia University, followed by graduate work at Morehead State University and Randolph Macon Women's College. He began his career in education in Raleigh County and after two years returned to Harrison County to teach at Central Junior High. He then became coach and biology teacher at Washington Irving and in 1966 was named supervisor of physical education for all Harrison County Schools. Following the countywide appointment, he served as principal in Nutter Fort, then taught at Liberty High School before being named as principal of Bridgeport High School. Moore was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Clarksburg and he held membership in national, state and local education associations. Friends will be received at the Davis-Weaver Funeral Home at 329 East Main St. in Clarksburg from 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Sunday. A funeral service will be conducted Monday, Sept. 8, 1997, at 2 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church on Second and Pike streets in Clarksburg. The Rev. William G. Knicely will conduct the service. Moore's body will lie in state in the church for an hour prior to the service. Interment will be in the Bridgeport Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the First United Church or Peoples Hospice of United Hospital Center.

## THE OLD STONE MYSTERY

Submitted by Diane Mandeville



A friend and I set out for Buckhannon in mid April for not just a vacation, but for an adventure. We carried with us a very special, old stone of mystery. The stone belonged to my dad upon which he made intricate, detailed etches depicting a specific area of Buckhannon in July of the 1920's. There is a 'Smithfield Street', a 'West Fork River', but more interesting is the name 'Lulu Ritter'. 'Dorothy' is also etched on the stone, as are 'Dessie' and 'Brounie', which may be or may not be names of people.

My dad lived all of his life in Connecticut, so what took him to Buckhannon? Was Lulu Ritter the reason?

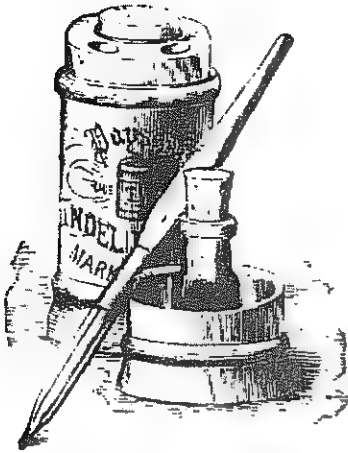
Who was she and what part did she play in my dad's life? He would have been in his twenties, then, not yet married to my mother, whom he married in the late thirties.

My dad, Robert Weller, died in 1972 and took with him the answers to all my questions about his stone. It must have had enough significance for him to have kept it all those years. There is no one left in the family to provide any information for me.

Do the names of Lulu Ritter, Dessie or Brounie mean anything to anybody? How would one go about trying to locate either descendants of them or someone who was a friend or neighbor? I would really just like to try to find out anything at all, so when I pass the stone on to my daughter, I will be able to pass on what I hope to learn about her grandfather.

If anybody has any information, or can help me solve this mystery in anyway, please contact me: Diane Mandeville, 265 Main ST. Lot 7, E. Windsor, CT 06088.





## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES 1997

The general meeting of the Hacker's Creek Pioneer Descendants was held at the annual gathering on 16 August 1997 at the Library with Vice President Cary Williams presiding. Cary introduced the officers and board members present and told of President Charles Gilchrist who became ill on Friday and had to be hospitalized.

Eva Newlon, secretary, made a motion that the minutes of the 1996 annual gathering published in HCJ, Volume 14, Issue 4, and "Up the Creek" be approved as published. Motion was seconded by Janet Ochletrie and approved by the membership.

David Blake submitted the treasurer's report and discussed the report. Mary Creamer moved that the report be filed for audit. Marion Reed seconded. Motion passed. (An end of the year financial report will appear HCJ Volume XVI, Issue 1.)

Hartzel Strader reported on the cemetery readings and told of some to be published in volume 10. Perhaps there will be an eleventh volume; but, in any event, the latest finds will be published. A map is being prepared to be published in the local newspaper to see if there are other cemeteries we do not know about.

Executive Director Joy Gilchrist reported: Chuck's health and said that he was in Morgantown where he would have to stay for a few days; Raydine Teicheira was not at the meeting due to her husband, Joe, just returning home from quadruple bypass surgery in Charleston; and, cemetery chairman Matha Byrd was not there due to her husband Earl being ill. (He has since had surgery.)

She reported that lots of publications are available for purchase. Lewis County deed books A, B, and C, have been finished by several volunteers. Okey Corley has published a road precinct book telling where people lived (the Jacob Helmick house is included). She reported that the Matheny history of the Tenth West Virginia Infantry has been republished by McClain Publishing.

She reported that the dues are one fourth of our income.

In reporting on the family history stories for the heritage book, she reported that we are still short several stories for the required number of 500 stories. An extension of deadline to October 1 has been made. The book goes to the publisher by February 1, 1988, in order to have it for the gathering in August 1998.

Issue 3 of the HCJ is at the printer and look for it soon. Renewal of membership is a must to keep costs down in mailing. 1998 dues are now due. There will be a fee for late payment of dues.

On the new equipment we have, we now are leasing a microfilm reader-printer for \$215 per month. Our copiers are almost paid for. We have the Bill Marsh collection of microfilm and can order from different places on loan. Last November our computer crashed and the committee who oversees the computers recommended the purchase of a new one. We purchased a Gateway 2000. We have had 17,000-18,000 visits on the website. Don Norman's material is updated every two months. Clay County cemeteries were on the site but have been removed at Clay County's request.

A silent auction is taking place during the gathering with several items for sale. One item, a Migrating Geese quilt, is to start at \$100. Edward Smith's, History of Lewis County and some other books are being raffled. Raffle tickets are available at 6 for \$5.00 or \$1.00 each. Member Raymond Ware brought children's picnic tables for sale. Rollie Neal showed and told of the collector plates of the Weston Colored School and family pictures that are available. Only one thousand will be made. A flyer on these will be included in the next Journal. The Weston Colored School, besides being our former library, is presently the only black history building on the National Register in West Virginia.

**New Business:**

The board has appointed member Lawrence Cottrill to fill the term vacated by Dick Taylor who resigned in April.

At the dinner on Friday night a building fund was created with Mary Creamer donating \$1000 and challenging others to donate to the fund. We are in need of a permanent building. In a executive session prior to the annual business meeting (and with a quorum present), the board had decided to appoint Mary Creamer to chair the building fund. Mary stated that since our membership was near 1000, if each person donated \$100 or \$8/month we could have a building by next year's gathering. She also told of a house in the Hacker's Creek area, which was sold recently for \$31,000. We didn't know about it or it would have been a perfect home for us. At this point in the business meeting, a total of \$2550 was collected for the building fund.

Irma Curtis, librarian, reported that she is putting about three feet of books on the shelf each week and that space has become a problem.

A motion was made that hotel bills, registration fees, and mileage, at thirty cents a mile, incurred by those who were sent by the executive committee to represent the H.C.P.D. at different functions be reimbursed. Motion carried.

Joy Gilchrist brought to the attention of members that she felt that board members and volunteers be allowed to wave the registration fee for the gatherings since these people were here every year not to research and really enjoy the gathering but rather to work. After much discussion, with motions being made, seconded and then withdrawn, and with the full realization that order according to Robert's Rules of Order was in total chaos, Ella Maroon moved and Ralph Hinzman seconded that registration fee for board members and all paid employees of H.C.P.D. be waved for the annual gathering. Several members, including Charlotte Fleming and Rocky Swisher were involved in this rather confusing discussion.

Next year's gathering will be held the second or third weekend of August whenever arrangements can be made at Jackson's Mill with motion being made that the board decide the dates after conferring with the mill. Those attending were well pleased with this year's arrangements of housing and food at the mill and want that to continue. It was asked that special arrangements be made for late checkouts at the Gathering next year.

At the close of the 1997 Gathering a total of \$6000.25 was received for the building fund. A motion was made to accept the budget as presented to the annual membership by the board of directors of H.C.P.D. Motion carried.

Rollie Neal spoke of the computers and the need to start a reserve fund for equipment. At present we are in good shape with the new computer and copiers we now have. We received five from RC&D but we are growing at a fast pace.

*Eva Newlon, Secretary*

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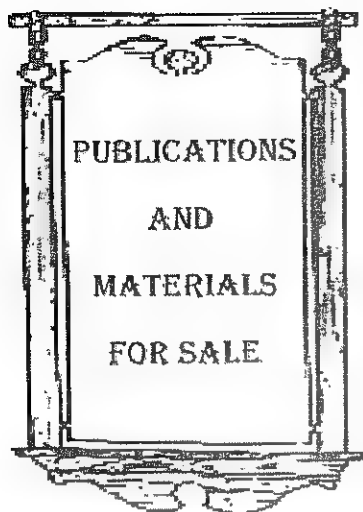
## *Rules for Farming...*

Plant potatoes on Good Friday

What grows above the ground should be planted in the new moon, below, in the old of the moon.

Pick apples in the dark of the moon and the bruised places will dry up; in the light of the moon, and they will rot.

When you plant peach seeds, name them after women who have borne many children, and the trees will be fruitful.



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**A History Of Preston County** by Oren F. Morton. Part I. Reprint by McClain Printing Company. Hardbound. \$45.00

**History Of Randolph County** by Hu Maxwell McClain Publishing Company's reprint of the 1898 history. Paper-back. 540 pages. \$20.00

**History Of Tucker County, WV** by Homer Floyd Fansler originally published in 1962 by McClain. This is the third printing. Hardbound. Indexed. 737 pages \$35.00

**History Of Tucker County**, by Cleta M. Long. Published in 1996 by McClain. Indexed. Hardbound. 475 pages. \$45.00

**History Of Braxton County, WV**, by John Davison Sutton. 1997 reprint of Sutton's 1919 book. Printed by McClain. Hardbound. 460 pages. \$40.00

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1. I still have not found what happened to my **ISAAC EDDY** who was living with **S.O. DAVIS** in Lewis County, WV on the 1920 census. I wrote the paper you told me about and never heard a word from them either. I just hate to give up as he is the only one left to find now. We did find his sister, she d. just three years ago. She had a horrible life. She was put in a mental institution here in Ohio because she had epilepsy. It was a place in Columbus Ohio called the **ORIENT**. I looked up news articles on the place and it was called the **BLACK HOLE OF CALCUTTA**. I hurt so bad because we missed her by 3 years. She had a family and did not know it. I am trying to obtain her records with the use of an attorney hoping it will shed some light on **ISAAC EDDY**, her brother. It is like pulling teeth, they won't

give me anything. Her death certificate shows me that they have information that might help but they will not consider giving me anything from her files. She was a ward of the state all her life. **ALENA EDDY** was her name. She never m. and I am sure she had a terrible life in that mental institution. She is bur. in an unmarked grave in a county cemetery. I have checked all I can think of to try and find **ISAAC EDDY** but as I said the last known whereabouts of him was Lewis County, WV in 1920. If you know of anyone who could help me and I would be happy to pay, please let me know. Contact: **Cindy Crawford**, 5840 St. Rt. 133, Batavia, OH 45103.

2. **PAULSER BUTCHER** of Lewis Co., WV and his wf. **ELIZABETH BUSH** had son, their 8th child - **SOLOMON** - who was b. 28 Aug. 1790. **SOLOMON** was named in the will of **Paulser** and was bequeathed "\$50 if he ever returns home". I don't know the wf. of **Solomon** but he d. 2 Apr. 1879 and is possibly bur. in Butcherville Cemetery. Who was his wife? Does anyone know the names and data for his children? Appreciate any help.

❖ **CHARLES FISHER** b.ca. 1770 m. ca. 1789 in Pendleton Co., WV to **EUNIC STRATTON**. She was b. 11 Nov. 1771 and d. 17 Aug. 1862. d/o **SERIAH STRATTON**. Was the mother of **Eunice** - a **Catherine** -? or was it his 2nd wf. **HANNAH AUGER**? Need help on this line.

**CHARLES FISHER** was s/o **GEORGE FISHER** and **ELIZABETH CONRAD**. Need vital information on **ELIZA CONRAD**. She is believed to be d/o **JACOB CONRAD** and who? **Charles** had will dated 15 Jun. 1829 and proved Feb. 1830. He was supposed to be the 1<sup>st</sup> settler on Gee Lick. Had a brother, **Peter**, who I have no information about. Would appreciate any help on these families. Contact: **Bette Butcher Topp** - 1304 W. Cliffwood Court, Spokane, WA 99218-2917.

3. **CHEUVRONT FAMILY**, looking for more info on this family name. **JOSEPH CHEUVRONT** m. **ELIZABETH ELLSWORTH** in 1777, VA. I have lots of info to share with anyone interested.

❖ **CROSS FAMILY**, looking for more info on this family name. **JOHN CROSS** b. 1730, VA, m. **BARBARA BORROR**, and the family continues in WVA. I have a lot of info to share with anyone interested. Contact: **Rose Olinger** 28561 Revere Ave Warren, MI 48092-2410, 1-810-574-2085 or Email: [Ro28561@aol.com](mailto:Ro28561@aol.com).

4. Searching the family of **HARVEY COLEMAN** and **LEITHA ANGELINE BIRD**. Children: **VICTORIA** b. 1874 m. **ANDREW FUGATE**, **FLOYD ELMER** b. 1876 m. **BERTHA MCBRIDE**,



- LUTHER LEE b. 1878 m. **IDA MAY NICHOLS**, HANNE E. b. 1881 m. **LOE CRAWFORD**, SYLVESTER b. 1884 **OCIE** b. 1886 m. **JACKSON A. MOORE**, **MACCAULLIE** b. 1887 m. ?, lived in Gauley Bridge as late as 1960, **WILLIAM C.** b. 1890, **IDA F.** b. 1894 m. **DAN PRITT**, lived in St. Albans. **ROBERT E.** b. 1896 d. young. **ALMINDA** b. 1899 married **MILLER**, lived in Gauley Bridge as late as 1960. In 1880 census **HARVEY COLEMAN** lived in Clay Co, next door to **SYLVESTER COLEMAN** and **CHRISTENA COTRELL**. Children **McCullie** b. 1862, may have m. **MARY BASHAM**, **SARAH** b. 1864. **ELDRIDGE** b. 1869 m. **MADONIA ALICE KNIG**, **MARTHENA** b. 1870 **HENRY WARD**, b. 1875 m. **ADE MORTON**, mother **CHRISTENA** lived with him in 1910. **JOHN** b. 1878. Any information and family knowledge appreciated. Happy to share info and any costs. Aloha. Contact: **Cheryl Coleman-Malo**, PO Box 965 Kailua, HI 96734 (808) 263-0699, (808) 537-0083 fax; (808) 263-7865; Email: [malo@aloha.net](mailto:malo@aloha.net).
5. I am searching for the parents/grandparents/family of **HAROLD G. CUTRIGHT**, b. 1900, d. 1967, bur. in the Hampton Cemetery, Upshur County, WV. Harold lived near Buckhannon, WV, possibly nr. Ivanhoe. Any help on his **Cutright** line appreciated. Contact: **Don Cutright**, 132 Spring Ave., Clyde, OH 43410.
6. **HENRY F. FLOYD**, Revolutionary War Soldier. Of Monongalia & Marion Counties. It is reported in the History of Gilmer County (and reported from this in the files of Don Norman) that **HENRY F. FLOYD**, Soldier of the Revolution, is of the family of **GEN. WILLIAM FLOYD** of Long Island, NY, a signer of the Declaration of Independence. The records of the **Floyd** family of New York do not reveal any relatives named **HENRY FLOYD**. If anyone has evidence to support this relationship, or any information on the origin of **HENRY F. FLOYD**, Revolutionary War Soldier, please contact **Duane G. Nichols**, 585 Clare Drive, Washington, PA 15301, or call 412-229-7559.
7. I would appreciate any information regarding **NANCY/NANNIE DEAN** who m. **JOHN MOWREY/MOWERY, SR.** abt. 1811 in Pendleton Co. They show up in Barbour Co. in the 1850 census.
- ❖ **JAMES WILSON** m. **DOROTHY/DOLLY SMITH** 12 Dec. 1839 in Lewis Co. (W)V. Any info about his parents, siblings or birthdate appreciated. Will gladly share. Contact: **Jill Parry** 3412 Melody Lane West, Kokomo, IN 46902 or Email: [winger@iquest.net](mailto:winger@iquest.net).
8. Did **JOHN MITCHELL**, b. 04 May 1763 in England, m. **OBEDIENCE VAUGHN** or ??? **TETER** ?? Is **Thomas** his son, b. 05 Dec. 1791 m. **MARGARET SNIDER**, ?? Any help on either the **MITCHELL** or **SNIDER** line will be appreciated. Contact: **Alice Rogers**, 1114 Lancer Lane, Tarpon Springs, FL 34689.
9. Seeking information on these families: **JOHN WILLIAM WYANT** and wife, **SUSAN SCOTT CARSON WYANT**. **HAMILTON CRITES** and his wife, **SIGOURNEY JANE WILSON CRITES**. Contact: **Scott H. Wyant**, 517 LaSalle Ct., Winchester, KY 40391, 606-744-5080.
10. I would be very pleased if any one could help me make connections with ancestors of **WILLIAM G. & JANE GRIGSBY**, **SAMUEL BROWN**, and **ANNIE LURA BYRD** and **MARY ELLEN RAMAGE** families. Contact: **Gerald S. Grigsby**, RR #1, Box 902, Dingmans Ferry, PA 18328.
11. I need help locating the parents and siblings of: **ANTHONY SMITH** b. 18 Apr. 1811 VA, m. July 1835 Lewis Co., VA. **PHOEBE COLLINS** b. 11 Apr. 1813. Two children b. in VA: **SOPHIA** b. 1836 and **JACOB**, b. 1837. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Contact: **Freda Wireman**, General Delivery, Lloyd, KY 41156.
12. **SEAMORE/SEYMOUR, SEMOUR NORMAN** b. 14 Oct. 1836 Lewis Co., WV; m. **JULIA ANN STOUT** b. 1829 Harrison Co. on 18 Feb. 1858. They had five children including **MARTHA BELL** b. 15 Mar. 1864. **MARTHA BELL NORMAN** m. **LOTT BOWEN HURST** on 6 Nov. 1884. They lived in the Ten Mile Creek area near Wolf Summitt, Harrison Co. Who were the parents of **JULIA**

**ANN STOUT?** Is this **SEAMORE NORMAN** the Civil War veteran who served in A Company, 7<sup>th</sup> WV Infantry? Vital statistics and family history of **LOTT B. HURST** would be appreciated as would any information on connections between the **Stout** family and the **Browns** of Broad Run, Lewis Co. or the **Hudkins** family of Hannahdale, Ritchie Co. Contact: **Leigh A. Hurst**, 211 Marguerite Ave., Mill Valley, CA. 94941.

13. Seeking info on **LEWIS SKIDMORE FERRELL** b. 1830 in Albermarle Co. m. **ISABELLE DELANGE**.

❖ **JOB. HOUGHTON** b. abt. 1790. d. aft. 1860; m. **LUCY SIMMS** 1818 in Culpeper Co.

❖ **JOHN SIMS** m. **MARGARET** in 1818 Culpeper Co., had children: **LUCY, JOHN SIMS, JR., ALFRED, JOEL**.

❖ **JOHN JAMES VINCENT** b. abt. 1818; m. **ELIZABETH N. WILSON** 4 July 1861. children: **ISAAC W., CHARLES T., MARTHA E. JOHN** d. in Andersonville Prison on 28 Mar. 1864. Contact: **Joy Cottrill Rt., 1 Box 146-F, Weston, WV 26452. 1-304-269-1398.**

14. I am searching the ancestors of **ABRAHAM DAVIS** b. 1821 in VA and **SAMUEL EDWARDS** b. 1816 in VA. Both lived in Wirt County. Contact: **Mark Gardner**, 17253 Edward Rd., Doylestown, OH, Email: [markooo@bright.net](mailto:markooo@bright.net). or 330-658-6550.

15. Seeking info on **HARRY** and **FANNIE KIDD BROWN** who came from England abt. 1877 and settled in Gilmer Co. Contact: **Ray King**, 26 Clinton Dr. Rt. 2, Triadelphia, WV 26059. Email: [Rking52282@aol.com](mailto:Rking52282@aol.com) or 304-243-1996.

16. Am searching for info on **JAMES B. SHAVER!** My grandmother is **ANETTA "NETTIE" MARIAH SHAVER**, d/o **BENJAMIN A. SHAVER** b. abt. 1856 and **REBECCA. JANE DODRILL** b. abt. 1854 in Mill Creek, Birch River, Nicholas Co. WV. **BENJAMIN A. SHAVER** was a s/o **JAMES B. SHAVER. BENJAMIN A. SHAVER** m. **MAGGIE JACKSON**. That is where my info stops! Can anyone help??

Also: Would like death date for **REBECCA. JANE DODRILL**, b. 1854 d/o **BENJAMIN FRANKLIN DODRILL** and **MARIAH HAMRICK**. Contact: **Nettie Gregory** Rt. 2, Box 17, Ireland, WV 26376 or Email: [ngregory@access.mountain.net](mailto:ngregory@access.mountain.net)

17. Looking for parents of **BENJAMIN JACKSON** who appears with his wife, **ELIZABETH STALLMAN** in 1840 Lewis Co. census, b. abt. 1817 and d. 8 Oct. 1845 at the age of 28. He and Elizabeth had 3 known sons: **EDWARD** (1840), **SAMUEL** (1842) and **SPENCER** (1845?). He lived in Yellow Creek area of what was first Lewis County, then became Gilmer (around time of his death) and, finally, Calhoun Co.. Contact: **ANDREA DIETZE**, P. O. Box 128, Silverado, CA. 92676 or Email: [dietze@aol.com](mailto:dietze@aol.com).

18. **WILLIAM HARRIS** m. 17 March, 1851 to **REBECCA. WILLIAMS** in Braxton Co. The had at least twelve children, including my g-g grandmother, **ALICE**. The family apparently moved some. There is a 1853 Lewis County birth record for one of their children being b. at Hilly Upland Run. In 1860, they are in the Braxton Co. census. In 1866, another child is b. at Hilly Upland Run and in 1868 one at Stone Coal Creek. They are still listed in Lewis Co. in the 1870 census, but in the 1872 Lewis Co. death records of two children and mother **REBECCA**, they are living at the "Waters of Hacker's Creek." Per Don Norman's family histories, in 1877 William remarried widow **MARY ELIZABETH SMITH BARR** (who had seven children of her own) and then had 3 more children. Looking for any info on William's ancestors, any of his children (including by the second marriage), and where William and Mary were after 1877. Contact **Don Moore**, 11434 140th St. Pl., Davenport, IA: 52804-9538 or Email: [moore@acc.mcrest.edu](mailto:moore@acc.mcrest.edu). Complete info is at my website at <http://www.mcrest.edu/~moorc>.

19. **MATTHEW EDMISTON**, b. 9 Sept. 1814, Little Levels, Pocahontas Co., (W)V. Parents were **ANDREW EDMISTON** and his wf. **MARY "POLLY" GILLILAN** or **GILLILAND**. **MATTHEW** m. **MINERVA A. BLAND** 13 Feb. 1840 in Weston, Lewis Co.. The 1870 census for family includes: **MATTHEW**, 55; **MINERVA A.**, 48; **HARRIET S.**, 28; **THOMAS B.**, 25; **THEODERICK G.**, 23; **ANDREW**, 20; **FANNY**, 15; **MATTHEW**, 13; **GEORGE**, 10, and **ELLA R.**, 7. **HARRIET** m. **CHARLES E. ANDERSON** 10 Apr. 1877 Lewis Co.; **THOMAS B.** m. **MARY ARNOLD** 11 Apr. 1871 Lewis Co.; **FANNY** m. **GEORGE M. FLEMING** 10 Dec. 1879 Lewis Co. Would like to correspond with anyone searching or who may be a descendant or have knowledge of these families. Contact: **DELBERT B. SCHUSTER**, 758 North Adams St., Lancaster, WI 53813-1107, or 608-723-2569.
20. **SAMUEL WILSON**, b. 1800-1803. m. **MARGARET SIMS**. 20 Sept., 1832 in Lewis Co. They were the parents of 9 known children: **ELIZABETH JANE HOUGHTON**, **ELIZA ANN EDMAN**, **MARGARET**, d. young, **MARY E.**, d. young, **WILLIAM H.**, **LUCY MOORE**, **JOHN A.**, **SARAH L.**, d. young, **MELISSA ?HAMRICK**. **ELIZA ANN** was my great grandmother. She m. **JEREMIAH EDMAN**, 11 Aug. 1853, in Lewis Co., and I have information on them. I cannot determine who **SAMUEL WILSON** was. There were 4 men named **SAMUEL WILSON** in 1850 Lewis Co. census, and all of them were found in the land records. I just can't find whom my **Samuel** belonged to. The marriage record I got from Lewis Co. doesn't give his parents, and I can't find a death or cemetery record for him. He either moved around a lot or county boundaries changed. He was in Ritchie Co. in 1860, Gilmer in 1870, and Calhoun in 1880, and then I lost him. The last deed I have was for a transfer to my great grandfather **EDMAN**, on Tarkiln Fork, Bull Run, Tanner Creek, in Gilmer Co. In the 1880 census, **Samuel's** birthplace was VA and his parents in Ireland, but in the same census, **Eliza** said her father was born in PA. Through the land records, I found that **MARGARET SIMS** was the daughter of **JOHN SIMS**, and another researcher said her mother was **MARGARET BAXTER**. But I don't have proof. Any lead at all will help. Contact: **Lillian Dodd**, 355 Rockway Rd., Charleston, WV 25302 or Email: [ldodd@citynet.net](mailto:ldodd@citynet.net).
21. Seeking information on **REBECCA JACKSON** d/o **JOHN JACKSON JR.** and **ELIZABETH COZAD**: m. 1) 9 Nov. 1837 **GEORGE WASHINGTON HALL** Lewis Co., WV; 2) **JOHN J. BRANNUM**. Children: **JENNY**, **JOHN**, **HESTER** m. **HARRY RYAN**, **MOSES** b. 1841 Green Co., OH, **MARY** b. 17 Feb 1843; d. 21 Feb. 1926; m. **WILLIAM ROBERTS**, **VIRGINIA** b. 1845, **CHARLOTTE** b. 24 Sept. 1847 Fairfield, Hamilton Co., OH; d. 25 Mar. 1925 OH; m. 1865 **WILEY HAYES**. I have **Charlotte's** children but undocumented. Do not have **Rebecca's** marriage records, but marriage to **JOHN J. BRANNUM** is verified via a deed. It is logical that this family went to Ohio since **ELIZABETH COZAD JACKSON MCNULTY** is bur. at Fairfield, OH where some of the **Cozads** settled. I would greatly appreciate help on this line. Is there anyone in Ohio who can help me or anybody else? Contact: **Nancy Jackson**, 507 Haymond Hwy., Clarksburg, WV. 26301 or Email: [WvaToo@aol.com](mailto:WvaToo@aol.com).

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